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Young Israeli girls wave flags as they attend a rally praising the courage shown by Israelis during the wave of Iraqi Scud missile attacks. The girl on the right holds her gas mask box decorated with wrapping paper. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Baker prepares for Mideast tour

U.S. won't impose peace

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

While U.S. President George Bush says he is determined to move quickly to bring about a resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, Secretary of State James Baker has made it clear that the United States is not looking to impose a peace settlement.

Instead, Baker said that when he visits Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria next week, he wants to hear from the leaders of those countries how they view the next step in the peace process.

"We are not going with a specific plan," the secretary said in an appearance Sunday on a television news program.

"We have said many times that we can be effective as a catalyst in encouraging peace in the Middle East, but only as effective as the desire of the parties to the conflict to want a solution. They've got to want a solution," he said.

The United States "cannot impose a peace" in the Middle East, "notwithstanding the excellent relationship we have with Israel, notwithstanding the enhanced, perhaps, stature and standing we have with some of our Arab coalition partners," Baker said.

At a White House news conference Friday, Bush said he believes "the time is right" to seek a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, as a result of the success of the U.S.-led campaign against Iraq.

But like Baker, he said that while the United States wants to "play a very useful" role, it does not plan to make any proposals, including an international peace conference.

"Whether it proves to be a peace conference or some bolder, new idea, time will tell," Bush said. "But we are beginning very serious consultations on this."

Baker said that "the worst thing we can do is arrive in the region and say this is the American plan for peace." Such a proposal would be "shot up like a Scud missile with a couple of Patriots," he said.

While repeatedly calling the Arab-Israel conflict an "intractable problem," Baker said that "we have to got to find a way for the Arab states and Israel to make peace, and we have got to find a way for Israelis and Palestinians to begin a dialogue."

He said he will be exploring "a two-track approach" on these issues, on "what might be possible in the aftermath of this very significant development in the region."

Baker said he had a "gut feeling" that both the Israelis and the Arab countries want to find a solution. But he added, "That doesn't mean it's going to happen."

The secretary said Israel, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait owe it to the United States to make the effort because of the elimination of Saddam Hussein as a threat.

"We have done everybody in the region a great favor, including Israel," he said. "The biggest threat to their security has been eliminated."

Baker repeated that the United States is "appreciative" of Israel's restraint in responding to the Scud missile attacks on the Jewish state. He said he hoped Israel would not launch such a military response now, as some expect it to do.

The coalition forces have "seriously eroded, if not eliminated, any threat" from Iraq and will continue to make sure that the threat from weapons of mass destruction are eliminated, he said.

As for the Palestine Liberation Organization, Baker and other administration officials ruled out a role in the peace process for that organization and its leader, Yasser Arafat, because of its support of Saddam Hussein.

"I think that he was seriously and substantially hurt," Baker said of Arafat.

"The PLO made a colossally bad decision" in supporting Hussein, Brent Scowcroft, the president's national security adviser, said Sunday.

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Mulroney pushing for international conference

By RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

Capitalizing on the momentum of a swift coalition victory in the Gulf, political will, and the successful demonstration of the United Nation's guiding principle of collective security, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said last week that Canada would push for an international conference to resolve the "most worrisome fault line" in the region: the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"It is in everyone's interest that the Arab-Israeli issue be resolved and the legitimate interests of the Palestinians be respected," he said in a brief statement in Ottawa last Thursday. (The Conservative government maintains its traditional policy of safe and secure borders for Israel.)

"This should have happened a long time ago," said NDP External Affairs critic Svend Robinson. "It's long overdue."

The aim of an international peace conference is dialogue, he said. "There cannot be peace without dialogue."

Robinson admits it will be an "uphill battle" in convincing Israel to come to the bargaining table especially in light of the recent PLO alliance with Iraq and the rooftop Palestinian cheers of Scud missile attacks on Israel.

"I'm not being pollyannish," he said. But in Israel's self-interest and the larger regional interest of peace and stability, it's an issue that cannot be avoided any longer."

CJN phone calls to the office of Bloc Quebecois leader and External Affairs critic Lucien Bouchard were not returned.

Central to the resolution of the conflict is the recently enhanced and dusted-off role of the UN. Canada is committed to its raison d'etre of multilateral action and collective security.

"There is an unprecedented ability to tackle international problems via a coalition," said Mark Entwistle, deputy press secretary to the prime minister. "The Canadian government believes (the coalition victory over Iraq) is a triumph for the UN system, said Entwistle.

"The feeling is that now, like never before, we have

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CANADIANS FLY TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

Canadian students have been streaming back to Israel for the second semester at universities there. A group of 27 second- and third-year students from Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, London, Toronto and Montreal returned to Jerusalem late last month to attend the Hebrew University. Seen here at Toronto's Pearson International Airport are (from left): Tova Glass, Canadian Friends of HU's academic affairs co-ordinator; Eric Moses of London; Janice Slavner; Dawn Appleby; Ellen Kaplan; Avi Pollock; Rebecca Geist; and Jennifer Swartz, all of Toronto; and Nicole Shuckett of Winnipeg. Six more students boarded the flight in Montreal. See Students page 6. [Alron photo]

Robinson blasts Israeli "gassing"

VANCOUVER (JTA) —

A member of Parliament who would become foreign minister if the New Democratic Party should win the next election takes an extreme anti-Israel position that has raised the ire and fears of Canadian Jews.

Svend Robinson, whose constituency borders Vancouver, has charged that Israel has "gassed" Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank. Robinson used the term "gassing" to describe Israel's use of tear gas to quell rioting.

The remark, which Robinson made at a meeting of his constituency of Burnaby-Kingsway late in January, was called "extremely offensive" by Simon Kahn, public affairs director of the Ottawa-based Canada-Israel Committee.

His employment of that particular word "displays regrettable insensitivity," Kahn said in a statement released to The Jewish Western Bulletin.

"The term 'gassing' draws a parallel — whether consciously or otherwise — to the gassing of Jews at the hands of Nazis during the Holocaust," he observed.

Robinson is his party's external affairs critic, meaning that in the event the New Democratic Party came to power, he would be Secretary of State for External Affairs, the office now held by Joe Clark.

The NDP is currently running a strong second to the opposition Liberals in opinion polls.

At the January meeting, attended by 200 people, most-

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Recession has not yet hit province

Vancouver Jewish community fund-raising successful

CRUNCH in the Community

Fifth in a series on the effects of the recession on the Jewish community

Class in progress in Talmud Torah School's new wing. [Robert Edel photo]

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — The recession "horror stories" heard here from Toronto and the rest of central Canada do not apply to British Columbia — at least not yet.

That's the word from economists and from the B.C. government who claim that the province had one of the strongest provincial economies last year, thanks to greatly increased immigration, especially from other provinces, and due to an increasing flow of exports to Japan and the rest of the Pacific Rim.

The government's latest economic report says that the current situation suggests that growth in the economy is "slowing," because it is being dragged down by central Canada and by the generally weak North American economy. "But the momentum of the past few years will help ensure that B.C. will continue to record a moderate pace of economic growth," says the report.

All of this is good news for the burgeoning local Jewish community, which is having great success in its fund-raising campaigns.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver has raised $3,910,000 in its regular Combined Jewish Appeal campaign, plus $3,518,544 for Operation Exodus (canvassed on a three-year pledge). The Federation hopes to reach its 1990-91 goal of $4,359,919. Of this amount, $1,757,790 is for the United Israel Appeal of Canada, as a regular allocation and not including Operation Exodus. Total local agency allocation are budgeted at $1,171,860.

Israel Bonds chalked up sales of $7.5 million in U.S. funds, an increase of more than $2 million over 1989.

The Vancouver Jewish Community Centre is expanding at a total cost of $6.5 million and there are hopes to complete construction work within 12 to 18 months. The capital campaign was halted temporarily because of Operation Exodus but, if all goes well, a "select" campaign will get under way shortly for $2 million, preceding the major campaign, which has already been promised funds by Go B.C., the provincial lottery.

The Louis Brier Home (Vancouver's Baycrest) is optimistic about raising another $4 million, required to complete its $8.5 million expansion program.

Steve Drysdale

On top of this, the Federation executive director, Steven Drysdale, reports that "we have had a better experience than other communities in cash collections, particularly for Operation Exodus." The recession, he noted, "has hit B.C. somewhat later than elsewhere and it is hard to judge if it has hit as hard or if it will."

Drysdale stressed, however, that if additional emergency campaigning for Israel is necessary because of the war, "we will most likely invoke a moratorium on other fund raising until we can assess the situation."

At the Federation's recent annual meeting, the retiring president, Daniel Pekarsky, cautioned that because of "economic uncertainty of the future," and increasing demands on the Federation, there will have to be careful evaluation of programming. Therefore, says Drysdale, existing services must be prioritized and the original six per cent increase scheduled for the agencies may have to be reconsidered, because of the Exodus campaign. Thus the original 1990-91 budget projections will be scrutinized and probably revised."

But Karl Taussig, president of the Jewish Community Centre, who has lived in Vancouver for 32 years, says past experience shows the curves of the local economy go up and down but are never flat. "It's never good and never really bad," he said.

Ken Levitt, administrator of the Louis Brier Home, said "I'm always optimistic. I'm sure we'll meet our goal." He's hoping the corporate community will help complete the campaign.

The Louis Brier Home was built in 1946, specifically as a retirement place for indigents. Louis Brier was an unknown philanthropist who left a sizeable estate when he died. The nature of the place has changed, and it serves now as a home for the elderly and as a hospital, and anyone who qualifies under provincial standards can seek admission.

The campaign has been promised a capital grant by the Vancouver regional district. It has a global operating budget of $5 million and "we live within it." The provincial government, which Levitt describes as "a good partner," provides operating funds but not to the level the board feels necessary to give residents the service they should have "so there's always a need for fund raising" to meet the budget.

Taussig, president of the Jewish Community Centre, said membership is increasing so rapidly that there's a tremendous pressure on space. One phase of expansion was completed a couple of years ago and now, the one-storey building will "go up" so that no more land will be needed. He said it's hoped the expansion will provide sufficient space for at least the next 25 years.

The new addition will permit space for a Holocaust memorial centre, a 350-seat theatre, a larger, updated pool, more space for educational programs — especially for pre-school children who can't all be accommodated now, and better facilities for adult education programs (including English as a Second Language — ESL), and for regular activities.

The JCC is home for the Federation, Canadian Jewish Congress, the Golden Age Club, an art gallery and has the only kosher restaurant in Vancouver. It houses the Jewish Festival of the Arts Society, the Jewish Historical Society, the Jewish Music Society, the National Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah-WIZO, the Canadian Zionist Federation, Russian Jewish Seniors, a number of Israel-based organizations and other activity groups. In effect, it's Vancouver's version of Toronto's Lipa Green Building and Jewish Community Centre but under one roof.

An indication of the rapid increase in Vancouver's Jewish population is the growing attendance at the Jewish day schools, whose allocation from the federation has been increased in the 1990-91 year by 15.9 per cent to $429,170.

The 50-year-old Talmud Torah, with 511 students, is one of the largest elementary schools in the province. It recently completed a second floor addition. A new gym and auditorium should be ready by the fall. The Talmud Torah will also open in Richmond and has an allocation from Federation of $69,000 to help with the startup. This is in addition to its $374,000 allocation.

The Maimonides Hebrew High School, with 32 students, will get bigger as Talmud Torah students move up and will likely require greater funding from Federation. The allocation now is $30,000.

The other day school, the Hebrew Academy, has 106 students and gets $25,170.

Federation also funds afternoon schools and in all, the budget for Jewish education is $570,845, covering 1,243 students, according to Jean Gerber, director of planning and allocations.

In addition, the Jewish Community Centre operates the Shalom Preschool and adult education programs, especially ESL for immigrants, which are funded from its federation allocation of $260,000.

The Jewish Family Services Agency, another major Federation beneficiary, looks after an extensive social services program including a food bank, family counselling, teen programs, assistance for seniors and a program for Soviet Jews who have come to Vancouver. Funding is in the $145,000 range with extra going to Soviet seniors.

Through its New Connections program, the JFS operates a job bank, which has helped place Soviet Jews and other newcomers to the city. Rate of placement is about 50 per cent.

The JFS food bank delivers about 104 hampers each month to 180 individuals — 55 singles, 15 couples and 30 families. These are people mainly on fixed incomes, the working poor, plus some who are on welfare.

At last count, there were 5,200 households in the Greater Vancouver Regional District with at least one Jewish member. The population is close to 20,000, 23 per cent of whom are over 50 and 11 per cent over 65.

Vancouver has a thriving, vibrant Jewish community and Jewish life. Canadian Jewish Congress, with a minuscule staff, plays an important role in community relations and the office here serves the entire province. It is funded through the National Budgeting Conference.

The Jewish Family Services Agency's kosher food bank delivers food to people shut in their home during a heavy snowfall. [Robert Edel photo]

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Excluded from serving in the Middle East

BB fights for rights of Canadian Jewish soldiers

By
RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA —

B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights has been told by the Federal Court of Canada that it may produce victims of what the league calls a ban by the Canadian Armed Forces on Jews and Muslims serving in the Middle East.

In a recent decision, the court said the league may produce statements of claim from Canadian troops who have been prevented from serving in Canadian peacekeeping forces in the Mideast because they are Jewish or Muslim.

The case started a year ago, when the league sought an injunction against the continuation of what it called a Canadian Forces ban on Jewish and Muslim members serving with peacekeeping contingents in the Middle East.

The Department of National Defence countered the claim and called on the league to find and come to the aid of an aggrieved Forces member instead.

Canada's Armed Forces will not release information on members' religions, but the league estimates that as of July, 1981, there was one Muslim and 56 Jewish members.

League lawyer David Matas told The CJN he knows "lots" of cases in which Jews and Muslims have been axed from peacekeeping missions because of their religions.

"But people aren't willing to come forward. Soldiers go on peacekeeping duties usually to further their careers. If they enter litigation, that could hurt their career," Matas said.

"Suing would not endear them to their bosses."

The league can appeal the decision or proceed with the case. Matas said he doesn't know yet what will be done.

The case has become timely, he said, because Canada has offered to send peacekeeping forces to the Gulf.

Fresh ammunition in the league's case came two weeks ago, when a Jewish naval reserve officer in Vancouver charged that he was rejected for a posting in the Gulf because he is Jewish [CJN, Feb. 28].

Lieut. Andrew Liebmann said he was accepted for the position of assistant to the commodore of Canadian naval forces, based in Bahrain, but was rejected at a higher level because of his religion.

Liebmann has launched an internal grievance and says he may take the matter to court.

The Forces acknowledged that Liebmann's religion was discussed because the job involves meeting Arab officials, which could place him in personal danger or affect his ability to carry out his duties.

But the Forces said Liebmann was the victim only of a misunderstanding because the position was erroneously posted.

Matas said the league will take the Liebmann case into account.

According to the league, Canada has not sent Jewish and Muslim Armed Forces personnel to the Middle East since international peacekeeping tours of duty began there in 1956.

The league is basing its case on a 1980 action filed by Anthony Habib with the Canadian Human Rights Commission, complaining about a ban.

Following the complaint, the league says the Department of National Defence softened the wording of its alleged ban to state that Canadian Forces may exclude any personnel from a situation where his or her presence "could cause significant difficulties or affect the safety of individuals or other members of the Forces, or impede its effectiveness."

The league also points to a 1978 Armed Forces memo stating that Jews and Muslims wouldn't normally serve with Middle East units.

Both the complaint and memo took place prior to the Charter of Rights coming into force, the league says.

Matas said the government has never disputed its policy of excluding certain troops from some assignments and that it has, in fact, argued the policy is justifiable.

Indeed, in the Liebmann case, the Forces admitted outright that certain personnel may be excluded from peacekeeping duties wherever their personal safety, the safety of their fellow troops or their peacekeeping mandate are endangered.

In 1988, Canada complied with another country's demand to keep Jews, Muslims and women out of its contingent sent to monitor the truce between Iran and Iraq.

Canada's acquiescence to the demand was blasted by both B'nai Brith and Canadian Jewish Congress as discriminatory and un-Canadian.

Historical perspective of war

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

When the dawn comes after the Gulf War, will it be yesterday or tomorrow?, asks an expert on Israeli military intelligence.

Putting the conflict between Iraq and the United States-led 28-state coalition in its historical perspective, Col. Gideon Gera (Res.) said recently that the war is but the latest chapter in the 200-year struggle between the Muslim Middle East and the West.

Col. Gideon Gera (Res.)

He also noted the Arabs have lost their patron of the last quarter century, thanks to the end of the Cold War.

Every Western ideology from fascism to democracy has failed to gain a hold in the Middle East, the lecturer at Tel Aviv University's Dayan Centre told an audience of about 75.

The luncheon meeting was sponsored by the young leadership division of Beit Halochem Canada — an organization which raises funds for rehabilitation, sports and recreation centres for the 38,000 disabled veterans of the Israel Defence Force.

The only Western import to have been accepted is technology, Gera added. Pointedly referring to Iraq's modified Scud launchers and nuclear and biological capability, he said the "technology of government" has been widely used to prop up despotic regimes.

The Arab world today is experiencing the rapid growth of radical Islam, Gera explained, spread by the frustrations borne of a population explosion, poverty and the inequitable distribution of oil wealth.

Independent of Saddam Hussein and his hegemonist ambitions, these factors had made the region "explosive" in recent years, Gera noted.

For Israel, Islamic fundamentalism is especially problematic since it assumes the "basic hostility toward Jews, the basic inadmissablity of a Jewish state in Palestine."

Iraq has furthered the demonization of Israel in the Arab world, Gera said.

Finding a Palestinian leadership with whom to negotiate has proven elusive, he reflected.

"The tragedy of the Palestinians is the tragedy of a man who misses all his trains," Gera observed.

Beginning with their failure to accept the United Nations' 1947 partition plan, down to their support for Saddam Hussein and his threats last April to destroy half of Israel with chemical weapons, the Palestinians have "wasted whatever sympathy they had," he commented.

"We have seen the depth of Arab hatred. How do you accommodate yourself to such a problem?"

On sabbatical this year at York University's Centre for International and Strategic Studies, Gera recently participated in a Gulf War forum at the University of Toronto.

He said he is "disgusted" by Canadian peace activists, whom he characterized as "people who do not know what they are talking about.

"I have the very strong impression that they have ulterior motives."

Where you stand, Gera quipped, depends on where you sit.

Survey upsets Moncton school board

By
PAUL LUNGEN

MONCTON —

The Moncton-area school board which employs teacher Malcolm Ross is upset with the release of a public opinion survey which shows widespread support for Ross' removal from the classroom

Following a recent meeting, the District 15 school board agreed to use every legal means to ascertain those behind the recent survey by Baseline Market Research, conducted during an adjournment in a human rights inquiry into the Ross case.

"They effectively asked people polled for a verdict on the inquiry," said trustee Sue Murray. "It would be the same as asking people if they thought (convicted murderer) Allan Legere should go free," she was quoted as saying.

The poll results, released on Feb. 13, showed that 49 per cent of New Brunswick residents believe Ross should be removed from his teaching position. Twenty-five per cent said he should continue to teach and 26 per cent said they didn't know or weren't sure.

Among those who had an opinion, 66 per cent said he should be removed as a teacher, said Linda Dyer, president of Baseline.

Dyer told The CJN that the question was asked as part of a regular quarterly survey of the attitudes of Atlantic Canadians to a variety of public issues, and was not commissioned by anyone. She said only one question among 30 or 40 was devoted to the Ross case, but that the response from Ross' lawyer, Doug Christie, was swift.

Christie complained about the timing of the survey, saying it could prejudice the case, coming as it did in the midst of the human rights inquiry, she said.

The case was adjourned until April 22 after 10 days of hearings in December. The inquiry was promoted by a complaint from Moncton resident David Attis, who alleged that the school board, by employing Ross, failed to provide an educational service free of discrimination.

Ross is the author of several books and letters which question the Holocaust and allege an international Jewish conspiracy against Christianity.

Dyer said she included the question on the Ross case because "I was curious what the public's perception was . . . The answer surprised me. I thought there'd be more public sentiment for him to continue teaching."

She questioned whether the school board's reaction would have been the same if different results had been reported.

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Jerusalem can expect heavy pressure

Analyst concerned over "superstrong United States"

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Israel's position in the Middle East may have been significantly damaged by the massive Allied victory over Iraqi forces, leading the country into a potentially dangerous situation.

Despite the reported destruction of Iraq's army, its chemical and nuclear capabilities, Israeli military analyst Yoram Hamizrachi says he is worried. "Israel is not ahead from the war."

Hamizrachi, a retired Israeli colonel who recently co-authored a synopsis of Iraq's military, said "a superstrong United States might try to impose its concept of peace on Israel.

"History shows us that when an empire is euphoric, this is where an empire is dangerous."

Hamizrachi believes the United States' Arab allies expect heavy pressure on Jerusalem.

It is widely believed that the United States has promised its Arab partners movement in solving the Palestinian/Israeli dispute, and with the Arabs seeing Israel pressed not to retaliate to Scud missile attacks, they believe Israel can be pushed on other issues, he said.

The big question, Hamizrachi continued, is whether the United States will be able to convince its Arab allies to at least recognize Israel at the international conference he believes is on the U.S. agenda.

After the War

But even so, he sees dangers ahead. If the Arabs tell the United States they would consider relations with Israel, but are fearful of its military and nuclear capabilities, the United States might force Israel into a weakened military position.

"The United States is much less sentimental about Israel than ever before. We may now see the final results of the intifada."

Israel must advance its own, bold peace initiative, he suggested, "because if it remains passive, it will have to absorb incoming political Scuds."

Hamizrachi was also unconvinced that Iraq no longer poses a military threat to Israel and other countries in the region. About half its million-man army remains intact, as do the most advanced elements of its air force in Iran.

Weapons sales predicted

Hamizrachi's cautious assessment of the Iraqi military was shared by Dr. David Goldberg, national director of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East.

It would not be out of character for Saddam to have hidden tanks and other weapons "for the next go-round, the next war," he said.

Despite being humbled by the allied victory, Saddam cannot be written off. "He has amazing recuperative powers" and he rules by repression and military support, he said.

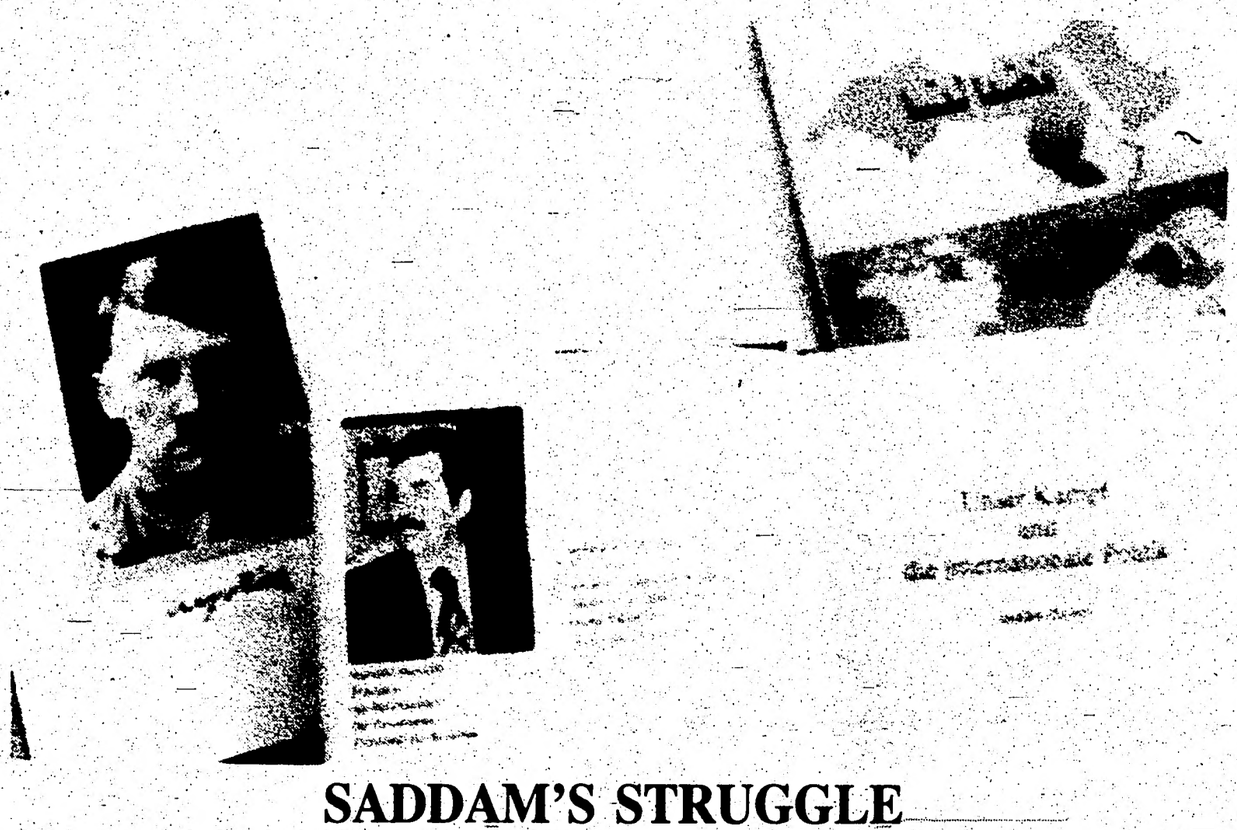
Turning to Israel's future, Goldberg agreed "the other shoe is already beginning to fall."

The United States has made ambiguous promises to Israel regarding its security, but it has also made promises to its Arab clients.

Expect tremendous arms sales to the Saudis and Egyptians which the Israeli lobby in Washington will not be able to stem, he said.

And the Arab states will attempt to re-establish their credentials as members in good standing in the Arab camp by moving ahead on the Palestinian issue.

Members of Israel's professional diplomatic corps foresee the inevitability of an international conference, he said. Painting a "worst-case scenario," Goldberg said such a conference could take on a dynamic of its own in which the United States, regardless of possible promises to Israel, will not be able to protect its interests from the claims of other parties.



SADDAM'S STRUGGLE

Thirteen years before he led Iraq into the Gulf War, Saddam Hussein wrote his book outlining his strategy to unite Arabs against the West. His book, Our Struggle—Unser Kampf, is pictured here with Hitler's Mein Kampf—My Struggle. The book went unnoticed until it was discovered recently by a German journalist. Like Hitler, Saddam had plans to destroy the Jews, this time directed against Israel. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Iraqis may face war crimes trials

TORONTO —

"The evidence relating to war crimes has been overwhelming. . . Prisoners of war were ill-treated and tortured and murdered, not only in defiance of the well-established rules of international law, but in complete disregard of the elementary dictates of humanity.

"Civilian populations in occupied territories suffered the same fate. . . Hostages were taken in very large numbers from the civilian populations. . . Public and private property was systematically plundered and pillaged. . . ."

A description of Iraqi atrocities in Kuwait? Quite probably, if reports from Kuwait are correct. But the quotation here, from an essay on human rights and international law, refers to Nazi acts in Europe which formed the basis of the Nuremberg war crimes prosecutions.

Calls for war crimes trials involving Saddam Hussein began in the early stages of the Persian Gulf confrontation, when he showed no compunction in violating international norms of conduct.

The taking of hostages and placing them as shields at strategic targets, the mistreatment of captured Allied airmen, the unprovoked Scud terror attacks at civilian populations in Israel and the reported atrocities perpetrated on numerous Kuwaitis prompted angry calls for war crimes trials.

Last week, 30 members of the U.S. House of Representatives sponsored a resolution calling for an international court to prosecute Saddam for violating Geneva conventions.

The resolution, introduced by Rep. Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.), also declared that the coalition should not "agree to arrangements whereby Saddam Hussein would resign as president of Iraq in exchange for his not being prosecuted for war crimes."

Whether Saddam and the top Iraqi echelon avoid trial remains a moot point, but with tens of thousands of Iraqis now in Allied hands, some among them may be responsible for the gruesome acts of torture and murder reported in Kuwait.

These acts represent the classic situation contemplated by international war crimes provisions, said Arnold Fradkin, former deputy director of Canada's war crimes unit.

Both the 1907 Hague Convention and Geneva conventions prohibit combatants from killing or mistreating prisoners of war (POWs) and from killing and injuring civilians, he said.

Violations of the provisions are considered war crimes, even if the perpetrators never signed the conventions, he said.

Jack Silverstone, national executive-director of Canadian Jewish Congress, notes that in August, 1946, the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union established an International Military Tribunal (IMT) which prosecuted top Nazis for war crimes. Other criminals were later tried in other courts and by individual countries.

An ad hoc international tribunal might be established to deal with Iraqi suspects, since there is no international forum now in existence that would have jurisdiction, Silverstone said.

Any country, including Canada, can try suspected criminals, said Fradkin, but first they must enact legislation authorizing it, as Canada did in 1987, and they must have access to the suspects. Should an Iraqi war criminal eventually find himself here, he could conceivably find himself facing charges.

David Matas, senior legal counsel for B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, said he would like to see the creation of a permanent international criminal court to deal with war crimes cases.

Such a court would have the jurisdiction to try not only Iraqis, but also others around the world who were involved in war crimes, he said.

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CIC calls for suspending Canada-PLO relations

By
RON CSILLAG

After the War

TORONTO —

One of the first steps Canada should take in the post-war Middle East is to suspend relations with the PLO, says the Canada-Israel Committee.

By supporting Saddam Hussein in the Gulf War, the PLO has shown that it's "still a radical, rejectionist, extremist group" and should be considered "totally unacceptable" in talks with Israel, says the CIC's Simon Kahn.

Canada removed restrictions for low- and mid-level diplomatic contact with the PLO in 1988.

"There's been no signs of moderation from the PLO. They are still a terrorist group," Kahn told The CJN.

He said the CIC will be lobbying Ottawa on its concerns about the PLO.

But overall, the CIC "is pretty comfortable" about Ottawa's post-war statements and direction on the Middle East.

Kahn said there was little new in the remarks last week from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, who said "it is in everyone's interests that the Arab-Israel issue be resolved and that the legitimate interests of the Palestinians be respected."

The CIC will press Ottawa not to adopt "rushed or coercive" solutions to the dispute, Kahn added.

Among other initial steps the federal government should take is to extend loan guarantees to Israel to help it rebuild from the Scud attacks and to help settle Soviet immigrants, Kahn said.

Canadian Jewish Congress president Les Scheininger agreed that the PLO and Yasser Arafat showed their "true colors" by supporting Iraq in the war.

Canada should recognize the "absolute importance" of insuring Israel's security in negotiations with the Palestinians, Sheininger said.

Ottawa should take into account Israel's restraint during the war, he added, and recognize that Israel is ready and willing to talk directly with Palestinian leaders, but not the PLO.

Ottawa should also press nations like Saudi Arabia, Syria and Jordan to recognize Israel's right to exist and move towards non-belligerence, Scheininger said.

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BRUSSELS (JTA) —

The leadership of the European Community has confirmed in a formal statement that the E.C. is boycotting contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization, because of Yasser Arafat's support for Iraq during the Persian Gulf crisis.

But the statement by Foreign Minister Jacques Poos of Luxembourg, the current chairman of the E.C. Council of Ministers, underscores that the decision does not undercut the standing of the PLO itself or Palestinian rights. It calls on the Palestinian people to choose new representatives.

"In view of Mr. Arafat's numerous messages of support for the aggressor, Saddam Hussein, the foreign ministers of the 12 (E.C. member states) agreed, at their meeting on Feb. 4, 1991, in Brussels," that under "the present circumstances not to plan any high-level contact between the E.C. presidency and the PLO," the statement says.

The PLO representative in Brussels, Chawki Armali, was informed of the decision on Feb. 17, the statement says, but told it "in no way calls into question the role of the PLO or the rights of the Palestinian people."

"The Palestinian people will choose its own representatives, whom we shall respect and whom all the concerned parties shall respect," the statement says.

The E.C. decision drew sharp reactions from the PLO leadership. In Tunis, at the group's headquarters, Bassam Abu Sharif, one of Arafat's closest advisers, criticized Poos for "allowing himself to designate the representatives of the Palestinian people."

Armali, the PLO representative here, called the decision not to meet Arafat an "error" and stressed it could be blamed on an "outburst of temper" by Poos.

The E.C. move is one more indication that the PLO leadership, especially Arafat, has lost its standing because of its pro-Iraq stance. Leaders of both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, formerly primary financiers of the PLO, have announced in no uncertain terms that they have cut the cord to the PLO.

At a meeting last week of the European Parliament, which meets in Strasbourg, France, the group's political director called a recent letter from Levy to Poos "encouraging for the future with regard to the Palestinian question."

In the letter, Levy called for an end to the state of belligerency between Israel and the Arab states, "in order to make progress and prepare the ground for global peace negotiations."

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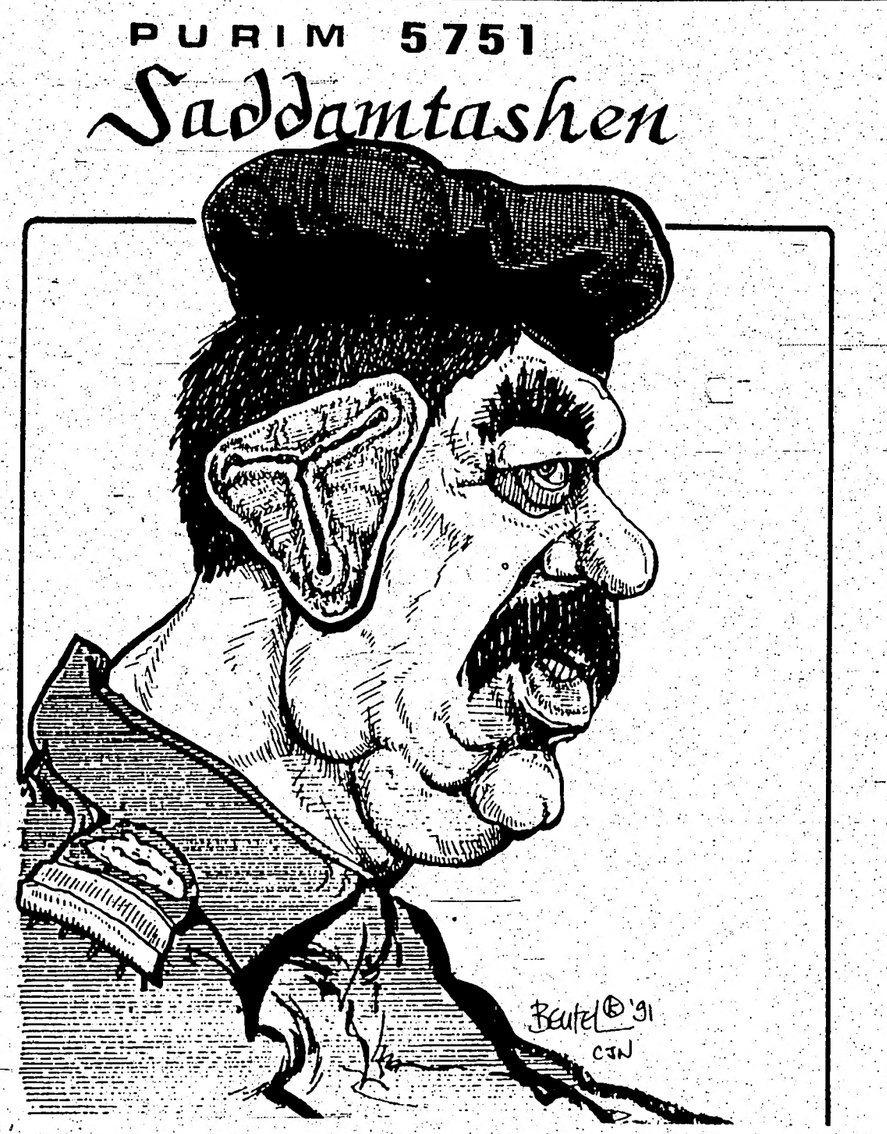

Tourist office hopes for boom

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

The Israel Government Tourist Office (IGTO) in Canada is optimistic Saddam Hussein's foiled "mother of all battles" will be the father of a booming tourism takeoff to the Jewish state.

"After the war, this is a turning point," IGTO Canada director Yehuda Shen enthused to The CJN at a Motzei Shabbat victory celebration sponsored by a group of Christian supporters of Israel here.

Yehuda Shen

Until the Iraqi dictator's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait, 1990 promised to set a record of 40,000 Canadian tourists to Israel, Shen explained. Instead, war turbulence grounded skittish travellers. Arrivals last year barely matched the 1989 figure of 33,000.

"The last four months were a disaster," the outspoken tourism chief rued.

Shen revealed a series of promotional steps he believes will put Israel on Canadian tourists' itineraries.

• Beginning in Toronto on March 20, and continuing to Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver, a week-long series of workshops will be held for some 1,100 travel industry representatives.

• Travel agents will shortly be sent a 24-page Israel sales guide, the first-ever such manual published specifically for Canadian tourism industry professionals.

• Beginning April 1, IGTO will resume cross-Canada marketing seminars for travel agents, with special attention to Holy Land pilgrimage tours from small towns.

• Marketing is resuming with Christian Pentecostal and Evangelical groups, including a large mission Toronto TV preacher Rev. James Cantelon has scheduled in May.

• Another mission that month is being organized by the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University to mark the rewarding of an honourary doctorate to Rabbi Joseph Kelman.

Shen promised IGTO, in addition to its promotions in tandem with El Al, will shortly launch the aggressive marketing of joint ventures with major European carriers which fly to Israel.

Formerly the head of the IGTO's Los Angeles office, Shen estimated only 25 per cent of Canadian Jews and 18 per cent of American Jews have visited Israel. A significant number of those are repeat tourists, he emphasized.

"It's not enough," he urged, adding it's time to "stop the Jewish pilgrimage to Miami."

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Gulf War

Students return to Israel for Hebrew U classes

Editor's note: This report was filed before the U.S.-led coalition launched its 100-hour blitzkrieg to free Kuwait from Iraqi occupation.

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Canadian students returning to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem seem undaunted that they may be hitting the decks while hitting the books.

A contingent of 21 second- and third-year abroad undergraduates from Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, London and Toronto left here for Ben-Gurion airport late last month.

Six more students boarded the fully booked 222-seat El Al Boeing 767 in Montreal.

Those who had not previously received gas masks said they will be issued their chemical warfare survival kits upon arrival. The university has prepared the bomb shelters on its Mount Scopus campus for attacks by both high explosive and non-conventional weapons.

The sophomores and juniors were returning for HU's second semester, which got underway Feb. 24 as scheduled back at the beginning of the academic year.

Tova Glass, the academic affairs co-ordinator for the Canadian Friends of HU, reported six of the 85 Canadians who attended first term have notified her they are not returning. An undetermined number are still undecided, she added.

Classes commenced Sunday at Tel Aviv and Haifa University after having been postponed for a week. No Canadians are currently registered at Haifa U.

Jacqueline Sosnowicz, co-ordinator of student programs for the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, said two of the 45 Canadians enrolled at TAU in the first semester have officially withdrawn.

Due to parental concern, the Canadians will be beginning classes on March 10, Sosnowicz reported. The university will help them make up the week of lectures they missed, she explained.

Exam timetable advanced

Anticipating war would break out in the Middle East soon after the expiry of the United Nations' deadline for Iraq to pull out of Kuwait, HU's Rothberg School for Overseas Students advanced the first term exam timetable to allow foreign students to leave the country before Jan. 15 without forfeiting their courses.

And now the students are heading back.

Before passing El Al's security and baggage check-in, many of the Canadians told The CJN they had only left Israel due to parental pressure.

"It wasn't my decision to leave," Jason Gold of Edmonton said. "I only went back to satisfy my parents' fears — so they could sleep well at night."

They are still afraid, he admitted. "If it were any other country, I wouldn't be going back."

Besides his studies, the 20-year-old history and political science major said he plans to join *Haga* (Israel's Civil Guard) and to do volunteer work.

Recalling sitting alone in a sealed room during the first Scud attack on Jan. 18, Avi Pollock of Toronto — who flew out the next day — said it was an experience he will always remember.

"But it wasn't so scary that I'm not going back. With everyone together, it won't be that bad."

The parents of the Toronto students who had come to the airport to see their children off, perhaps to a war zone, looked calmly resigned but proud.

"If we had a whole nation of kids like these, we'd be OK," said Rene Geist. Her daughter, Rebecca, had agreed to her pleas to leave, but stored all her possessions in Jerusalem as a sign of her intent to return quickly.

"Doesn't he look happy?," Debby Solomon asked with a nervous laugh of her son, Ian.

"*Yihiyeh tov*," he reassured his parents. "It'll be all right."

To which his mother responded, "God willing."

IRAQIS SURRENDER

The human dimensions of the ground war began flooding our TV screens only hours into the first day of the ground war in the Gulf. Here Iraqi POWs march towards the Saudi border after they surrendered to 2nd Division Marines on Feb. 24. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Allies urged to press Assad

Focus needed on Syrian Jews

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Nations that comprised the coalition against Iraq must use their new alliance with Syria to press for the release of Syrian Jewry, says the chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress's National Task Force for Syrian Jews.

"It's either now or it's not going to happen," Judy Feld Carr told The CJN last week. "People will forget."

Carr says the coalition nations must take advantage of their alliance with Syria and the flurry of attention the Middle East will receive in the post-war months ahead to focus on Jews trapped in Arab lands.

Apart from the 4,300 Jews unable to leave Syria, Carr estimates there are 1,300 Jews still in Yemen and anywhere from 6,000 to 15,000 Jews who cannot leave Iran.

She adds that Jewish communities in Morocco and Tunisia experienced "frightening" episodes of anti-Semitism during the war.

Carr says attempts by Jewish activists, especially in the United States, to use the U.S.-Syrian alliance during the Gulf War as a lever to open the doors of Syria, have proven unsuccessful.

"The prisoners are still in prison. I don't see anything happening. The doors are still blocked."

Last month, the U.S. State Department released a report stating that Syria "respond[ed] positively to specific requests from the United States about the status of Syrian Jewry," although the supposed response has not yielded any concrete action.

Carr says it is not known whether U.S. President George Bush raised the Jewish issue when he met Syrian leader Hafez Assad in Geneva when the coalition was being assembled.

And she says she's "really not aware" whether Canada has brought up the matter with the Syrians, but that she will continue to press Ottawa to do so.

"I really believe this is the only chance Syrian Jews have. [The issue] will be alive only if governments and Jewish communities make it alive," she says.

If Assad ever agrees to look at the plight of Syrian Jewry, Carr reckons he will demand a quid pro quo: either the return of the Golan Heights or the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza, or both.

Canada backs peace conference

[Cont'd. from page 1]

the opportunity to effectively deal with the Arab-Israeli issue, he said. "Not to deal with it is to turn a blind eye to reality."

And, an international peace conference would be a key instrument, "but not an end in itself," he said.

The UN will be a critical vehicle in mobilizing resources and political will, although it is "a little premature to talk about details," said Entwistle.

Last week Clark met UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar in New York for talks on the region. He will also meet U.S. Secretary of State James Baker in Washington. Also planned is a trip to the Persian Gulf and Kuwait. (As of press time, it was not known if Clark planned to make a stop in Israel.)

If Clark doesn't go to Israel, there is still a good chance that the government will have an opportunity to hear Israel's concerns when Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir visits for the Canada-Israel Committee's annual Parliamentary Dinner in Ottawa March 12. (According to the Israeli Embassy, Shamir has accepted the invitation in principle but has yet to confirm, said External Affairs spokesman Patricia Low-Bedard.)

"No one has a clear idea of a time frame," said Entwistle. Rather, Canada's role is to facilitate the resolution of the conflict, and avoid any prejudgements about participants in the peace process, he said.

"The government understands all the complexities," said Low-Bedard. "There's a lot of work ahead. I don't think anyone is trying to simplify it," she said.

"Our interest is in seeing movement on the [Arab-Israeli question."]

If asked, Canada would host an international peace conference, provided all parties were serious in their intent, Entwistle said, adding that it was a "very speculative" proposition.

The prime minister is "trying to project himself as the great peacemaker" in the Lester B. Pearson tradition, said Liberal External Affairs critic Lloyd Axworthy.

"(The government) is talking about an international peace conference as if that's the solution," Axworthy said. "There's a lot of painstaking work and confidence-building that has to be done."

Part of that painstaking work may come from Canada's (House of Commons) Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade, in the form of a fact-finding mission this summer.

"There's a chance that the committee will go to the Middle East and Israel and open up" the dialogue a little further, said Axworthy.

This, and other "building blocks" like ending the "continual state of war" between Israel and its Arab neighbors, and coming to grips with UN Resolution 242 could well "build up a basis over which a peace conference might be held," he said.

Until this happens, "it's pretty hard for Israel to come to an international peace conference," Axworthy said.

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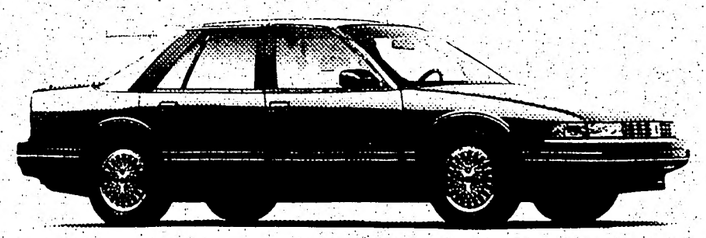

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Answer: If your separation agreement was entered into before June 4, 1986, then it is likely that the release clause will prevent you from obtaining a chunk of your husband's Canada Pension Plan benefits.

However, pursuant to a recent decision of the Ontario Division Court in the case of Albrecht on appeal on Oct. 9, 1990, it has been ruled that spouses cannot agree to have either waived rights to the other's, unless provincial legislation expressly permits such releases to exist in separation agreements.

In Ontario no such legislation exists. The same is true for most other provinces.

Accordingly, depending upon where you live you should consult with a solicitor in your particular province and if no such legislation exists, then notwithstanding any releases you may well be entitled to a portion of your spouse's pension credits.

Readers should not confuse a division of Canada Pension Plan benefits with division of Old Age Pension, which is not divisible or other pension schemes, such as RRSPs, private pension plans or Crown agency pension plans.

The division of these plans can clearly be released in Family Law Agreements, if the releases are properly worded and the parties have had full disclosure, as well as independent legal advice before signing the agreements.

If in doubt, see your family law solicitor.

I would like to credit the Legal Journal Family Law letter, by Lorne H. Wolfson, Barry S. Corbin and Daniel S. Melamed for much of the information contained in this article. For lawyer readers that newsletter's report appears in Volume 6, No. 1, January 1991.

Israelis claim refugee status

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Canada has experienced a surge in the numbers of Israelis claiming refugee status in the first weeks of 1991, Immigration Canada statistics show.

Between Jan. 1 and Feb. 11, 18 Israeli nationals indicated their intent to obtain refugee status — roughly corresponding to the buildup to war and Iraqi Scud attacks on Israel.

Immigration Canada spokesman Roger White said Israeli visitors arrived in Canada without proper immigration documents and indicated to screening officers they were seeking to remain as permanent residents.

They were permitted to enter the country where they became part of Canada's refugee-screening process.

The arrival of the Israeli refugee claimants, while marking a buildup in the pace of claims from that country, is hardly new.

In 1990, Canada's two-tiered refugee determination process heard 64 claims from Israeli nationals at an initial "credibility" hearing.

Fifty-seven of the claims were found to be credible, leading to a second, full hearing to determine whether the applicant would be granted refugee status. Of 27 Israeli claims heard to completion in 1990, 16 were granted refugee status, four were withdrawn and the others dismissed.

Immigration Canada said it does not keep statistics as to the number of Jews or Arabs making refugee claims; but people close to Toronto's estimated 30,000 expatriate Israelis say there are a number of Jews among them.

Susan Davis, executive-director of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, said she knows of a few such claims. "You have to prove that your fear of persecution because of race, religion, nationality or membership in a social group is well founded," she said. "It's quite onerous and you doubt a Jewish Israeli would be able to make a credible claim."

Shimon Zer-Aviv, producer/broadcaster for the Israel Today radio show, said Jewish Israelis have been making refugee claims for at least the last three or four years.

Most came to Canada as visitors and wished to remain despite the expiry of their tourist visas, he said. To do so they "tell a story as a last chance" in a bid to convince immigration authorities they should be granted the status.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Israelis, many with children, are believed to have arrived in Canada in past weeks.

Their arrival corresponds to a growing number of requests directed to Toronto's Board of Jewish Education to provide special programs for these school-aged children.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, director of the BJE, said the requests so far involve at least 55 Israeli youngsters, posing some problems for the Jewish school system. There is simply no staff available to provide special classes for the children, he said.

Race relations program launched

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

The provincial government has launched a $500,000 community and race relations program, to be made up of 20 grants a year of $25,000 each, to community and multicultural groups.

Provincial Secretary Howard Dirks, whose department takes in multiculturalism, said the new program "stems from the commitment our government made last October when we announced a multicultural policy which calls for programs that foster cross-cultural understanding and mutual respect."

The program replaces previously-funded "unicultural" programs such as ethnic folk arts. The focus now, according to Michael Leigh, the province's multicultural program director, will be on projects that promote better racial understanding.

Conferences, workshops and programs of that nature, which encourage racial and cultural understanding, are eligible for grants through community groups. The department has laid down guidelines for the programs; accepted programs can get grants of up to $25,000.

Meanwhile, a 22-member Advisory Council on Multiculturalism has met in Vancouver to determine its activities for the next year. Headed by Kewal Khosla, the council was established when the multicultural policy was announced.

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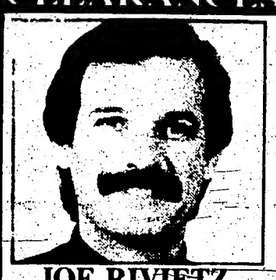

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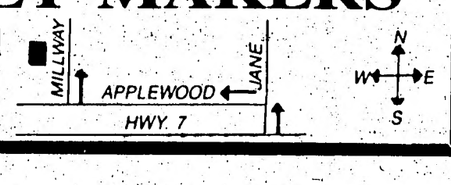

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Soviet Jewry

Would allow more Soviet Jews into the country

Kosharovsky rejects proposed U.S. immigration plan

NEW YORK (JTA) — A new proposal to increase the number of Soviet Jews allowed to enter the United States is dangerous and counterproductive, according to a former longtime Soviet Jewish refusenik now living in Israel.

Yuli Kosharovsky, who was often jailed and harassed during the 18 years he waited to emigrate, warned the plan would leave Soviet Jews "sitting on their suitcases and waiting," instead of boarding planes to go to Israel.

"I think it's counterproductive and shortsighted, and I don't understand how it can help Soviet Jews," he said in an interview during a three-day visit to the United States.

The Union of Councils for Soviet Jews proposed last week that the U.S. government should, in effect, waive its Soviet refugee quota and allow all Soviet Jews who have already applied to immigrate here to do so this year.

Some 40,000 Soviet Jews will be allowed to enter the United States as refugees this year. But more than 100,000 others have applied to immigrate here.

The Union of Councils says the proposal is necessary because of the shifting conditions in the Soviet Union, the threat of violence against Jews living there and the danger that emigration might be halted at any moment.

Kosharovsky, who arrived in Israel in March 1989, said the plan was unlikely to be accepted by U.S. officials, but that in the meantime, Soviet Jews would postpone their departures to Israel in the hope of getting a place in the United States.

"At this very time when Soviet propaganda is portraying Israel as hell on earth, at this very time when Jews are again being brainwashed, they suggest a proposal[that feeds into this propaganda]," said Kosharovsky, who arrived here after an extended visit to the Soviet Union.

He was extremely dismissive of the plan and charged it would accomplish what the Iraqi Scud missile attacks were unable to do: halt Soviet immigration to Israel.

"They somehow are acting in the same direction as Saddam Hussein," said Kosharovsky. "They don't understand what they are doing."

But an official from the Union of Councils said Kosharovsky misunderstood the proposal and was incorrect to think it would harm Soviet Jewish emigration.

Micah Naftalin, the group's national director, said the proposal would apply only to those people who had already applied to enter the United States under the restrictive refugee resettlement and family reunification program.

"When things are getting so dangerous in the Soviet Union, can we afford to let them sit there and wait to be reunited with their families?" asked Naftalin.

"This would open no new avenue for Soviet Jews planning to go to Israel," he said.

Nevertheless, the plan has already been rejected by most other U.S. groups working on behalf of Soviet Jews. Some Jewish officials expressed worry that the plan would take much-coveted refugee slots away from other people in danger of persecution throughout the world.

Kosharovsky, 49, was a radio engineer in the Soviet Union who quit his job in 1968 in expectation of leaving the Soviet Union. He formally applied in 1971 and spent the next 18 years clandestinely teaching Hebrew and promoting the cause of free Jewish emigration.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Hebrew language classes (ulpanim) for immigrants like this one in Kiryat Gat, which were delayed because of the Gulf War, are resuming all over Israel. [IPPA photo]

Olim arrivals

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Immigration from the Soviet Union is increasing again, after slackening when the Persian Gulf War began five weeks ago.

About 700 olim arrived Feb. 26, on the heels of 601 who arrived at Ben Gurion Airport on three flights the day before.

Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz disclosed that 12,571 immigrants had arrived in Israel since the outbreak of war.

"One of Saddam Hussein's goals was to create conditions that would hurt aliya," but he failed, Dinitz told a Golda Meir Scholarships awards ceremony at the Hebrew University.

He praised the quality of Soviet aliya, stressing the large proportion of professionals and academicians among them.

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Front Line

Television affected every facet of the Gulf War

ANALYSIS

By
RUTH WISSE

I think many people were surprised that the United States could still fight and win a war. More than by the performance of the weapons and the intelligence of the generals, they were surprised by the resolve of the president, and by government as it rallied around him.

That resolve showed itself in the way the war was waged on the home front as well as in Kuwait, and especially in relation to the media, which played their most prominent role in the history of warfare. Never before had technology been able to bring a viewing public so close to the theatre of operations and to let us look at war from both sides. The first heroes of the war were the journalists and technicians who could deliver images of an Iraqi bunker as readily as the floor of Congress.

During the initial hours of combat, when the White House and the Pentagon said they depended on fast-breaking news from the reporters of CNN, they accorded journalists their highest status ever. For a while it seemed that television would dictate the term of conflict, bringing news from Baghdad or Washington as it saw fit, with anchormen and their invited guests predicting the outcome and defining the all-important "mood" of the combatants.

Saddam Hussein depended on this process to compensate him for his military handicap. His strategy was obvious: he intended to use television as his major weapon against the West. Understanding perfectly the importance of media in modern society, he thought he could achieve his propaganda goals by admitting selected journalists and controlling the range of their movements, thereby assuring that they would "independently" do his bidding. With his own atrocities concealed from view, Western journalists would brand the conscience of North Americans with images of children "murdered" and temples "devastated" by allied bombardment. He expected the body bags of American boys on the one hand, and the corpses of innocent Iraqis on the other, to convince the public at home this war was doomed and unjust.

Ruth R. Wisse

Saddam Hussein made mistakes. He miscalculated when he showed off the captured British and American airmen, wearing fresh signs of the torture that had broken them. Yet, on the whole, he was right to expect that the media would always favor dictatorships over democracies. The freedoms that allow negative coverage of democratic societies and the controls that dictate positive coverage of undemocratic societies guarantee that if left to their own devices, the media will penalize the democracy and exalt the dictatorship. (The coverage of Arabs versus Israel will stand as proof of this media law.)

But he had not counted on the resolve of President George Bush to win the war. It appears that he, too, had an insight or two into the workings of the media, and brought this understanding to bear on his pursuit of victory.

The White House did two things in tandem. Citing the risks of soldiers, civilians, and the conduct of the war in an age of advanced telecommunications, it sharply limited coverage of the area in which the war was being fought. (The undemocratic nature of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait helped to make this possible.) It also orchestrated elaborate daily briefings from the Pentagon and from the field to keep the public informed of what was happening, as well as frequent informal press conferences to interpret what was happening.

The result was an unusual demotion of the media to what many Americans feel ought to be their rightful place, somewhere below rather than above the seat of government. While reporters complained that overtight military control of information prevented them from telling the full story, and tried to warn the public that "the first casualty of war is truth," many viewers felt better served by the daily briefings of official spokesmen than they ever had been by media professionals.

The spokesmen gave discriminating reports; they stood before a map of the region they were discussing, pointing to actual places and sites. They distinguished between what they knew and what they did not know, between their areas of competence and areas of mere conjecture. They gave detailed information, citing their sources, and they refrained from editorial comment. Most refreshingly of all, they acknowledged the existence of a democratic hierarchy in which those who report the news are subordinate to those who make it, in which generals take their orders from the president, who embodies the will of the people. No doubt the tone of the briefing would have been very different had the war been less successful. But the dignity of the proceedings reinforced the democratic ideal for which the war was in large part being fought.

In fact, even as military spokesmen apologized for the imposition of press controls because of the obvious dangers the free flow of information might pose, they maintained higher standards of accuracy than the networks routinely do. Indirectly, they reminded us that the same technological feats that brought the bunker of Saddam Hussein into every North American home could also help to grant him victory: that the expanded powers of the media could threaten the democratic freedom they had been designed to protect.

It would be a lesson well learned if the government tried to counteract the distortions of the media during peacetime with the same authority that it exercised in war.

OPINION

War strengthens ties between Israel and Canada

By
BENJAMIN RUBIN

The current threats Israel faces have heightened for many Canadian Jews their emotional identification with Israel. There are a number of ways that this subjective feeling is given tangible form: following the news, attending rallies, expressing political support. This "solidarity connection" ebbs and flows, often linked to Israel facing imminent danger.

The strongest connection of a Canadian Jew with Israel is evidenced by the several thousand Canadian Jews living there. This "personal connection" affects not only those individuals who make aliya, but also their friends and family left behind in Canada.

Another very visible tie Canadian Jews have with Israel is what might be called the "philanthropic connection." By giving money to the UJA, or to other charitable appeals, Canadian Jews back up their subjective identification with a concrete donation.

But the philanthropic connection, as worthy as it is, has limitations. For one, it requires Israel to be "marketed" as an endless series of crises and problems. While the money helps with immediate needs, the one-way "philanthropic connection" has consequences for the longer term Israel-Diaspora relationship.

Perhaps the greatest limitation of the philanthropic connection is that it can make the Diaspora Jew feel that charitable contributions are the only effective way to help. Consider that the entire regular UIA/Keren Hayesod contribution of Diaspora Jewry to Israel in 1989 was $600 million (U.S.). This represents about two per cent of the $30 billion combined 1989 budgets of the Israeli government and the Jewish Agency. A further $750 million was raised through the worldwide sale of Israel Bonds. While $3 billion came as grants from the U.S., over $25 billion was paid by Israeli business and individuals through taxes. So while Diaspora philanthropy, together with Bonds sales, contributes some four per cent, it is the Israeli economy itself which generates 80 per cent of the national budget. The long-term solution is for the Israeli economy to finance itself 100 per cent. That which strengthens Israel's economy helps the most.

One solution to the limitations of philanthropy is the Canada-Israel business connection. Through investment in Israel and trade with Israel, Canadian Jews can be part of a relationship of equals, in which the focus is on seeking out Israeli strengths as well as needs.

Canadian trade and investment strengthens Israel by creating jobs and generating profits. Whether the task is absorbing Soviet Jews, offering Israelis a higher standard of living, or maintaining strategic staying power, a dynamic Israeli economy is the key.

The Canada-Israel business connection is not just theoretical — Canadian business involvement has grown. In 1980, Israeli exports to Canada totalled less than $60 million. By 1985, they topped $93 million. In 1989, when Canadian exports to Israel were $120 million, Israeli exports to Canada reached $150 million.

Of greater significance has been the growth of Canadian investment in Israel, for example, Charles Bronfman's recent $26 million participation, through Claridge Israel, in Israeli food concern Osem; David Azrieli's pioneer Canyon Ayalon shopping centre; Murray Koffler's SuperPharm drugstore chain; Teknion's modular office furniture factory; and many other investments in grocery retailing, high-rise construction, newspaper publishing and fashion textiles. These days, a major focus of Canadian business involvement in Israel is in the building sector.

Business investment in Israel encourages investors to combine their own drive for success with the desire to see Israel succeed. It creates a new type of connection with Israel which provides active participation in building Israel's economy. It creates new reasons to understand Israel and to spend time there.

You do not have to be a major investor. The Canada-Israel business connection can be forged by small links too:

- seek out Israeli products, from Carmel wines to Osem crackers, from Gottex bathing suits to Israel Aircraft Industry executive jets.
- travel to Israel for a vacation or a sabbatical.
- educate yourself about the Israeli economy.
- explore Israeli business opportunities: on your next trip to Israel, be a "creative tourist" and seek out Israeli colleagues in your industry or profession.

During these days of heightened emotional identification, perhaps we should consider expanding the repertoire of our connections with Israel. Philanthropy is necessary, but it is not the viable long-term solution. Israel's economy is the basis of Israel's independence and strength, and the Canada-Israel business connection allows us to be a part of the solution.

Benjamin Rubin, a lawyer with Minden, Gross, edits the quarterly publication of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, an independent organization dedicated to developing the Canada-Israel business connection.

Saddam was never properly prepared to confront U.S.

COMMENTARY

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Gulf War was a unique war in the annals of modern history. At a miraculously low cost, both in terms of personnel and material, the U.S.-led coalition freed Kuwait, defeated and disgraced Iraq, smashed Iraq's much-vaunted military machine and altered the balance of power in the Middle East.

Not since the Six Day War had a Middle Eastern nation been so badly mauled in so short a span.

Israel (not to mention Saudi Arabia and Kuwait) is greatly relieved by the outcome. Iraq, one of its chief foes, has been defanged, which is the most important result of Operation Desert Storm. Iraq has ceased to pose a threat to Israel and the contiguous Arab states. The looming colossus that was Iraq has been felled. Israel and Saudi Arabia are stronger, and the Middle East is a safer place for all concerned.

For Israel, it was a strange war. For the first time since 1948, the home front was the war front. Nerves were badly frazzled, but Israel came out of it all the more secure.

Analysts had darkly predicted that the United States and its allies might incur 30,000 casualties, including 10,000 dead, and lose a good deal of its planes and tanks in a protracted battle with the Iraqi army. As we can see, these apocolyptic fears were misplaced. When U.S. President George Bush suspended military operations last week after declaring victory, the United States had lost a total of 79 soldiers and airmen, and a relative handful of aircraft and armor, a figure that would have been scoffed at before Jan. 16, the date the coalition launched the air war.

And who would have believed that the ground war would last only 100 hours? When it was all over, the coalition had liberated Kuwait, swept to the banks of the Euphrates River, cut off the retreating Iraqis and broken the back of the Iraqi army. In what developed into the "mother of all retreats," Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, the commander of allied forces, outflanked, outmanoeuvred and outsmarted Iraq, which proved to be a veritable paper tiger.

Saddam Hussein's overwrought rhetoric notwithstanding, Iraq never really had a chance because it disastrously assumed that it could fight this war like its last one with Iran. Hunkering down in a defensive mode which had served it comparatively well with a weak country like Iran, Iraq, with one dubious exception (Khafji), forswore offensive warfare — the key to battlefield success. As well, Iraq made no real attempt to use its superbly equipped air force, nor did its pilots distinguish themselves in dogfights. And in a strange, unprecedented twist, Iraq sent about 130 of its top-of-the line aircraft to Iran for safekeeping. One can assume that Iran, Iraq's traditional enemy, will take possession of the planes.

It was a commentary on Saddam's ill-conceived, halfcocked strategy that he bared his fangs only when he fired Scud ballistic missiles, a cheap weapon of terror. Iraq hit Israel, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, killing 28 U.S. soldiers (in a Riyadh barracks) and two Israeli civilians, and causing fairly extensive property damage. Israel did not retaliate, thereby frustrating Saddam's plan to divide the coalition.

Perhaps because its artillery had all but been knocked out by punishing, round-the-clock air strikes, Iraq never had the ability to deploy its much-feared chemical weapons.

Blinded by hubris, Saddam did not quite realize what he was up against. By tangling with the United States — a superpower which could toy with a lightly populated, developing Third World country like Iraq — Iraq was foolishly playing with fate. Even now, it staggers the imagination that Saddam was actually prepared to confront the United States and its partners in the 28-member coalition.

He has yet to pay the ultimate price for his aggression and his stupidity.

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Iraq's opportunity

On Purim 5751, six weeks after the first shots were fired, six months after Kuwait was overrun by its neighbor, the war against Iraq ended. Saddam disgorged through force what he had swallowed with force.

Iraq's army has been destroyed: tens of thousands of soldiers killed, tens of thousands more wounded or taken prisoner, the bulk of its materiel, weaponry and equipment demolished or abandoned in the blowing sands of the desert.

Iraq's economic infrastructure has been devastated: bridges, roads, factories and communications links blown to bits by weeks of unremitting aerial bombardment. Experts have estimated that hundreds of billions of dollars and more than a decade will be required to restore it.

And Iraq's people have been left to live without running water, electricity, and in some cases, even food, in the ruins and the rubble of their cities and their homes.

For all but 30 months of the last 10 years the people of Iraq have had to live through the wars which Saddam's evil megalomania had wrought. This is the glory to which Saddam Hussein's leadership has led his people. Saddam has been defeated, and with him the pathetic pathology of deceit, delusion and cruelty.

Though the leaders of the United Nations alliance have still to settle their full account with Saddam, his most formidable, if not final, reckoning may yet lie with his own people.

But the toppling of evil is not necessarily the arrival of good. It is merely the possibility. It is this possibility which we hope the people of Iraq will now seize.

And it is this possibility which Western governments, including Canada, should nurture with a vigor equal in peace as in war. There is an opening in the horizon. This may be the moment to attempt an ambitious architecture for a wider, secure, structure of peace in the region.

Diplomatic ties

The recurring problems of the Vatican's refusal to accord diplomatic recognition to the State of Israel has become especially vexing in the wake of the Gulf war and the unprovoked Scud attacks against the major population centres.

Calls for Israel's recognition have come not only from Jewish groups but from Italian media commentators and politicians including Giulio Andreotti, the prime minister of Italy. Some members of the Socialist and Communist parties have joined the call for a re-evaluation of Italy's pro-Palestinian posture.

Unfortunately the Vatican has seen fit, in a Jan. 25 statement, to re-affirm its non-recognition of Israel because of four "juridical difficulties" which it defines as the Palestinian problem, the Israeli presence in the territories, the question of Jerusalem and the situation of the Roman Catholic Church in Israel and the occupied territories.

The Vatican, however, has diplomatic relations with the totalitarian states of Iran and Iraq where problems with internal populations and border disputes abound. It seems odd that the Vatican maintains relations with these tyrannical regimes while withholding it from the only democratic state in the Middle East — Israel.

As for the question of the Palestinians and Roman Catholic interests within Israel, the best way to deal with this issue is for the Vatican to recognize Israel and conduct negotiations on all outstanding issues. Talking with the Israelis on an official level would be far more productive than the current policy of ignoring Israel's political sovereignty.

Until the Vatican accords diplomatic recognition to Israel the presumption will always remain that ancient and adversarial Catholic theological beliefs about Jews and Judaism animate the current policy towards Israel. Since the political arguments advanced by the Vatican are unpersuasive, the presumption of theological bias appears to be paramount. This is most unfortunate.

The Vatican has made important strides since the Second Vatican Council of 1964 in ameliorating relations with Jews and Judaism. There have been ups and down during that period but the record is mostly positive.

The task of reconciliation will be incomplete, however, until the Vatican recognizes the only palpable symbol of a post-Holocaust presence in Jewish history — the State of Israel.

TO THE EDITOR:

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BONDS WITH SOLDIERS

I volunteered on the Sar-El trip which left Toronto Dec. 31 bound for Israel. Despite the threat of war and in part because of it, our group signed on to work at an army base for three weeks.

In Jerusalem, the first day, we were 400 strong as we marched in solidarity, joining volunteers from countries all over the world to show our support for Israel. A sense of excitement and determination enveloped us that day.

We settled in at our base, somewhere near Tel Aviv, after collecting our uniforms and job assignments. At first the other soldiers were in awe of us, not understanding why we chose to do such unglamorous jobs as construction, landscaping, office work, etc. Through our work we tried to show them how important they were as soldiers and as individuals. We held a mirror up to them and gave them a fresh look at their own reflections. I believe I saw their morale improve while we were there. Ours couldn't have been better.

After only a short time we felt that we belonged on the base. We developed strong ties to our Israeli coworkers, soldiers whom we now called friends.

Even in war, there were no real distinctions made between us and the soldiers. We persevered together. We worked, laughed and cried together. I know it meant a lot to them that we chose to stay until the completion of our "tour of duty" as world events unfolded around us.

We gave only a small part of ourselves and in return received the greater gifts of friendship, respect and the satisfaction of a job well done. As a bonus, I saw an indestructible bond develop between ourselves and Israel. I actually felt a physical ache upon having to leave our friends and our country, Israel.

Maureen Ander
Toronto

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DIFFERENT APOLOGY NEEDED

Your newspaper of Feb. 7 contained a letter to you signed by Gerry Weiner, minister of state for Multiculturalism and Citizenship. He has apparently been authorized by the prime minister to deal with the issue of public apology for wrongs done to Canadians by previous administrations.

How one wishes he would, with the same alacrity, apologize for those actions of the present government, namely, the Free Trade Agreement with the United States, the balkanization of the country and the imposition of additional tax burdens which are splitting up the country, resulting in a serious downturn in the economy and driving both people and businesses out of the country.

While these issues may not bear the emotional appeal of an apology for past wrongs, they are very significant in everybody's daily life.

Joel L. Rubinovich, C.A.
Toronto

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SPOKE UP FOR ARAB CANADIANS

With reference to Elaine Kahn's article Gulf Conflict Should Help Unite Ethnic Communities (CJN, Feb. 7), the statement suggesting that the official body of the Ukrainian Canadian community has not condemned publicly the racism directed against Arab-Canadians arising from the Gulf conflict is totally incorrect.

Prof. Lubomyr Luciuk of the Gulf Liberties Commission of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress has made several representations before the Canadian government to discuss race relations in Canada, including a most recent appearance before the Senate committee on the Race Relations Foundation.

Now that war has broken out in the Middle East, we must remember dark episodes in Canadian history and stand on guard against any similarly repressive measures being taken against our fellow Canadians of Arab descent. Otherwise we will have learned nothing from the tragedies of our past.

Andrij Hluchowecky
Director
Ukrainian Information Bureau
Ottawa

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STILL IN BUSINESS

I am writing about the Peace Now solidarity ad of January 30. The reaction was overwhelmingly positive and there was widespread agreement that a united community in support of a united Israel was a fitting response to Iraqi aggression.

Several calls, however, carried a critical or questioning message. One caller suggested that, by supporting the war against Saddam Hussein, Peace Now had abandoned its "peacenik" image. A second caller wanted to know whether we were "throwing in the towel and going out of business."

In replying to these two critical calls, I would like to point out that Peace Now has never been a pacifist organization. We opposed the Lebanese War and campaigned for a negotiated settlement with the Palestinians because we believed — and still believe — that Israel's interests were ill-served by the military invasion to the north and by continued occupation of Gaza and the West Bank.

Mel Shipman

Our mission, in each case, was — and still is — to further Israeli security and to preserve Israel's reputation as a just and reasonable democratic society.

Mel Shipman
President
Canadian Friends of Peace Now

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JEWS SHOULD NOT COMMENT

Prof. Arnold Ages claims that Jews should not comment on "the internal theological workings of the Roman Catholic Church" (CJN, Feb. 14). To support his assertion, he cites a doctrine of fairness. Jews would not appreciate Roman Catholics commenting upon Jewish theological principles. Indeed, he states, we did not appreciate past attempts at such intervention.

It seems to me that Ages has missed a point. Past Catholic interference into internal Jewish theology was wrong, not simply because it was done, but because it was done by force, using dishonesty, deceit and violence as its tools. Opinion on the value (if any) of simple commentary on Jewish theology by outsiders will, of course, vary. But many would not find it offensive.

It is ironic that the Vatican refuses to recognize the State of Israel, and offers as one of its reasons, that right-wing Israelis want to do to Israel exactly what Isabella did to Spain, make it free of "non-believers."

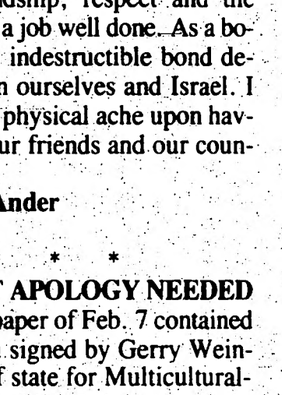
Morton S. Rapp
Toronto

Mission accomplished!

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My mission is accomplished.

The war started the day I arrived and now that I saw to it the war should end, which it did, therefore it's time to announce that the mission is accomplished and time to return to the home front.



J.B. Salsberg

And if anybody should doubt that I have been in a war zone, I would have proof for them. My war trophy consists of a slight limp in one leg, and if that is not sufficient proof of an injury in the war, I don't know what is.

Now that I'm packed and ready to go home, I want to report that I have not been on the beach once in six weeks and that generally it was the least pleasant of visits.

There is some good news for me and my friends — the ailing member of my family here is recovering very nicely and that branch of the family will join the rest of my clan at our inspiring Pesach seders at home.

The world situation is unfolding. We all pray that it should be for the good of all mankind and first of all for Israel.

With love and anticipation, Toronto here I come.

P.S.: It's raining here and the sky is leaden, not a soul can I see from my window on the beach. I know that such information gladdens the hearts of Canadians who are not here.

Name Game

RUBIN — RUBINSTEIN

A superficial consideration of the surname Rubin may lead one to conclude that it is derived from the name of Jacob's first-born — Reuben.

Although it might be logical to conclude that a Jew named Reuben who was compelled to adopt a surname which was not of Hebraic origin, would have chosen the surname Rubin because it sounds the same, the fact is that Rubin belongs to that category of surnames that refers to the precious stone — ruby (Rubin in German).

Gems were popularly resorted to in adopting family names.

Familiar examples are:

Dimant . . . . . diamond
Perl . . . . . pearl
Bernstein . . . . . amber
Sapirstein . . . . . sapphire
Granat . . . . . garnet

The German word for precious stone is Edelstein — also a popular Jewish surname.

Some gems were described by their colors.

Rothstein . . . . . red stone — ruby
Gruenstein . . green stone — emerald
Blaustein . . . . . blue stone — azure
Braunstein . . . brown stone — amber

and in Polish Bursztyn

Opinion

Many have forgotten our traditions, origins

Jews have moral obligation towards immigrants

By
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Since the report of the Economic Council of Canada was published, voices have been raised in numerous quarters to both condemn and applaud it. I have been asked whether there is "a Jewish position" about it. My answer is that there is and there isn't.

The Economic Council recommends that immigration to Canada proceeds at a more measured pace and only some 15 years from now increase to larger levels. This reduced flow of new people into Canada is to serve two purposes: to safeguard the economic health of the country because new additions to the labor force put pressure on those who have been unsuccessful in looking for work — which is to say that as long as we have an economic downturn and high unemployment, increased numbers of newcomers are not welcome.

The second reason is that the people already here have not fully come to terms with the fact that newcomers have different habits and different backgrounds, and that therefore a sudden influx of large numbers creates tensions between those who are coming and those already here.

This column is not the place to discuss the first of these arguments, namely, the economic benefits or disadvantages of increased immigration. I happen to be personally convinced that, while there will be dislocations in the short run, we will benefit by increased immigration in the long run. Canada is underpopulated, and the addition of millions of more people would make for a more prosperous country. Others disagree, and I will let it go at that.

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But the second issue raised by the Economic Council deserves our immediate and close attention. For it points up the undeniable fact that racism has been on the increase in this country, and that part of the increase is due to a heightened sense of xenophobia, that is, fear of strangers.

They are perceived as threatening the life of Canadians, altering the structure of the land, and endangering the foundations of democracy. The Economic Council deplores this rise of tension and believes that it can best be alleviated by having fewer people come to the country, thus allaying the fear of resident Canadians.

To my mind, this is only part of the solution. What we need is a large-scale effort, fuelled by our educational systems and by the media, to have Canadians as a whole identify themselves first and foremost as human beings, and only then by their nationality, which is to say that they must fully understand that immigrants are people, human beings in search of a better life for whatever reason — no less and no more so than those who arrived here earlier, even those who came hundreds of years ago.

In other words, there has to be a greater openness on the part of all of us to accept immigrants who are among us primarily as people like ourselves.

This is where we as Jews have a particular point of view. We are often told by our tradition, which is inscribed many times in the Torah, that we should befriend and even love the stranger because we ourselves were once strangers in the land of Egypt.

Judaism teaches that we have a moral obligation toward those who come to Canada — yet I have found all too many Jews who have forgotten both the injunction of Tradition and the desperate search of their own parents and grandparents for greener pastures and greater hopes.

There are probably, even amongst our own people some who, when asked how many immigrants and refugees should come to Canada, would say, "None is too many."

There is one final aspect to this whole issue, and that is the nature of Canadian self-perception. Are we a melting pot or are we a nation of diverse cultures? I believe strongly that the latter is the case. Of course, newcomers will try to learn English and French and will attempt to integrate, if not themselves then certainly their children, into the fabric of Canadian life.

But I continue to believe that all of us gain, and Jews not the least, when we encourage the maintenance of our diverse religious and national traditions. In time, there will be assimilation and Canadianization, but meanwhile, there will be the excitement of colorful diversity which is one of the most attractive aspects of the Canadian present.

U.S. may play important role

Israel remains polarized over future of country

By
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The jubilation that greeted the allied victory over Iraq when a cease-fire was announced Thursday hardly masked the deep divisions in Israel that have solidified during six months of crisis and six weeks of war in the region.

The nation is polarized between political hawks and doves, who remain more firmly entrenched then ever in their respective ideological turfs, waiting for the inevitable diplomatic challenges ahead.

While imminent pressure from Washington is not expected, the Bush administration is bound to exercise its newly acquired power and prestige in the region in the roll of peacemaker, and possibly enforcer.

For some in the political community, this could be bad news. Likud hard-liner Ariel Sharon, currently minister of housing, has called for the immediate annexation of those areas of the territories inhabited by Jewish settlers.

Minister of Science and Energy Yuval Ne'eman of Tehiya, Likud's coalition partner to its right, warned ominously of tough battles ahead with the United States over "Eretz Yisrael," or "Greater Israel," meaning the country with all the Arab-populated territories it administers.

On the left side of the divide, the prospect of vigorous American involvement in local diplomacy is welcomed.

Even among leftist politicians, there is a keen awareness that the Palestine Liberation Organization probably is finished as a negotiating partner acceptable to either the Americans or Israelis, because of its blatant support of Saddam Hussein from the outset of the Gulf crisis.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir radiated an air of calm confidence last Thursday, according to sources close to him.

He sent a warm message of congratulations to U.S. President George Bush on his victory in the Gulf, and issued a statement urging that the cease-fire arrangements dispose of any residual Scud threat to Israel and deal with what remains of Iraq's capability to stockpile non-conventional weapons.

Asked about the looming diplomatic process, Shamir gave the impression he expects it to be long and slow, with no dramatic breakthroughs.

In contrast, more activist positions have been articulated within both Labor and Likud.

In the Labor camp, former Energy Minister Moshe Shahal, a self-declared candidate for party leadership, spoke out in favor of a Palestinian state in confederation with Jordan.

Of more immediate political consequence is the newly emerging moderation of Foreign Minister David Levy, who until recently was among the toughest of Likud hard-liners.

Levy has asserted several times in recent days that Israel should be ready to negotiate with the self-same Palestinians who cheered from their rooftops whenever a Scud missile hit Tel Aviv.

"It must be remembered that peace is Israel's goal," Levy said.

Levy, like Shamir, has challenged the Arab states to enter into direct negotiations with Israel. Unlike Shamir, he is urging an active Israeli "peace initiative" to coincide with the end of the Gulf War.

The foreign minister wants to revive the May 1989 proposals of the Shamir-led Likud-Labor unity government, calling for Palestinian elections in the territories, a period of autonomy and negotiations with the elected Palestinian representatives on the territories' final status.

Significantly, Shamir and Levy — as opposed to Sharon, Ne'eman and other hard-liners — have spoken frequently in recent days of preserving the stability of King Hussein's regime in neighboring Jordan.

Notwithstanding Hussein's vocal support for Saddam Hussein of Iraq before and during the war, the Jordanian ruler has been signaling Israel that he wants to take a more active role in peace talks, senior Labor Party sources here said.

The sources point out that despite his pro-Iraq rhetoric, the king has kept his border with Israel relatively quiet during the months of tension.

Laborites differ from the government in their assessment of a recent report by the German foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, that President Hafez Assad of Syria is prepared to talk peace with Israel if the Palestinian issue is on the agenda.

Laborites stress Assad's willingness to talk, a departure from his previous positions. Likud stresses his condition.

Despite the predictable political rhetoric, there is a sense among observers here that something deep has stirred the public mood and sentiment in the country.

No polls are available and no specific questions have been formulated to test the feeling that the war has affected the outlook of many about the country's basic political and security considerations.

The United States looms as a huge factor as much in the immediate future as in the immediate past — and not necessarily a negative one, many Israelis believe.

There is a profound sense that America, two decades after its Vietnam trauma, is reasserting its global power against the backdrop of a dramatic decline of Soviet power and influence.

What this means, in terms of evolving Israeli public opinion on the eve of a major American diplomatic effort to advance the peace process, remains to be seen.

Much depends on how Bush, and particularly Secretary of State James Baker, present themselves and their objectives to the Israeli people.

Some Israelis might welcome an American proposal for bilateral defense accords in exchange for Israeli territorial concessions.

Baker, who will visit Israel for the first time shortly, will find a political society whose long-held presumptions and prejudices are up for review.

Now, perhaps more than at any time since 1967, the United States is in a position to make a powerful impact on the Israeli public and governmental opinion and policymaking. (JTA)

Some kind of unhealthy addiction

Instant war news creates need for information "fix"

By
ELAINE KAHN

The kids were at a sleepover party last night and my husband went to a movie with a friend. Despite advanced cabin fever, after being in for most of the past week with flu, I was glad to have the time and space to myself. I needed to get this column written.

Except then the ground war broke out.

So I plunked myself in front of the TV with my knitting and didn't move until network news coverage went off the air around midnight. I think the bulk of the information I learned in all those hours would fit into a paragraph or two — the rest was all repetition. But I could not leave the set — I might have missed something.

As I write, a partial news blackout is still on — and no one yet seems to find it either humorous or appalling that we now have a war in which the information fed to us through the media appears to be more dangerous to the security of Allied troops than anything the enemy can get through its own intelligence gathering.

The way they've been talking, the whole war will likely be over by the time this piece is printed. That's the way we do things these days — instant war, just add blood and stir. Instant information — and I, to my embarrassment, practically beat my little feet with impatience and curse if each hourly update doesn't give me something new.

And give it to me fast.

Especially when it's news about Israel. When war first began in January, I had no patience if it took a couple of hours to find out what damage a Scud attack did. Then, when it seemed news sometimes could come in from Israel within an hour, I was frustrated if it didn't come within half an hour. Finally, anger if I didn't find out within a minute of impact.

Elaine Kahn

(The manager of a dress store I check in at was limping last week. She described herself as "a victim of Saddam" — seems she'd been running to the TV for the latest news on Israel, smashed into a coffee table and broke her toes. I nodded sympathetically — there but for the grace . . .).

How odd it must seem to those who remember the Second World War or even the First World War, when it was normal for days, months and sometimes years to pass before the results of a battle, or the fate of loved ones fighting in that battle, were known.

Even granted that war itself was a much slower process back then, the need for speed really is only understandable in those with family or friends in the fighting or living in Kuwait or Iraq.

For the rest of us, it is some kind of unhealthy addiction.

The cliche batted around a lot during this war — that it's like a big Nintendo game for viewers and, to some extent, for the troops — continues to strike me as facile, even after hearing an army person agree with a TV commentator that yes, someone who is good at video games is probably also going to be good with the computer wizardry of the allied night vision tanks.

What seems less flip right now is the cliche that media coverage, especially TV, has turned this war into a serial for many of us, or a movie. There were a very painful few minutes at our Shabbat table this week: the four of us agreed that we no longer knew whether we felt a ground war should happen because it was necessary for the world or because it was necessary for the plot. Our moral confusion frightened us and made us feel ashamed.

This was the sixth week in a row that our Shabbat had been impinged on by war. There has never been a question, these weeks, of whether or not to watch the news on Shabbat; Israel has not had a Shabbat shalom either and there is some strange feeling of solidarity in sharing, even at so very many real removes, that disruption. Let alone, as any smoker can tell you, that it's difficult to turn off an addiction for Shabbat.

The war has come into our Shabbat table talk, though in small doses, out of deference to the kids, who are more sensible about their war news intake than their parents. It has also entered our prayers — Rachel developed one for peace between the nations on both sides of the conflict, to fit into the bensching.

If truth be told, I've also been slipping a little one in silently when we light Shabbat candles. But I consider mine more a wish than a prayer since, unlike Rachel, I'm not completely convinced yet that anyone is listening.

As I finish that last sentence, there's a radio bulletin that another Scud has fallen on Israel. It's primitive to think this has anything to do with my declaration of a lack of faith, but war, just or not, brings to the surface all that is most primitive inside us. Suddenly we are children again, forgetting what mummy and daddy said about hitting solving nothing.

If God is there, truly the most remarkable thing is His or Her patience in still waiting for us to grow up.

Backgrounder

His ideas gain momentum in Israel

Bitter legacy of Rabbi Kahane continues to live on

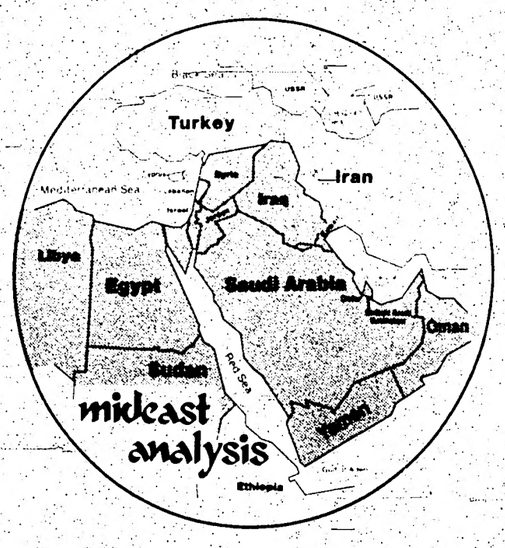
I say what you think — Rabbi Meir Kahane

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Meir Kahane is dead and buried, but several months after his assassination in New York City, his bitter legacy lives on.

The founder of the Jewish Defence League in the United States and the Kach party in Israel, he was an extremist whose confrontational tactics and divisive ideas have been adopted by an increasing number of Israelis.

Rabbi Kahane, who sat in the Knesset from 1984 to 1988, strongly believed that the Arabs in Israel and the territories should be "transferred," or expelled. "I'd go to the Arabs and tell them to leave," he said in an interview. "I'd promise generous compensation. If they refused, I'd forcibly move them out."



Lamentably, Kahane's harsh prescription is no longer unfashionable. As the intifada intensifies and spills into Israel, extremism grows — a point noted by Hanoch Smith, the well-known Israeli pollster. In a recent survey, Smith found that 49 per cent of Israeli Jews now favor expelling the Palestinians of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, if a peaceful settlement eludes Israelis and Arabs.

As well, "transfer" is a concept regularly discussed, if not actually embraced, by certain right-wing Israeli parliamentarians, including Rehavam Ze'evi of the Moledet party, a Kahane admirer who was appointed to the Israeli cabinet recently as minister without portfolio.

Rabbi Kahane's tolerance, if not encouragement, of violence has seeped into the very pores of the anti-Arab movement he left behind. Within hours of his death, two of his acolytes were taken into police custody as suspects in the murder of two elderly Palestinians. And in an incident in Jerusalem shortly afterward, an Israeli identified with Kach stabbed a Jewish butcher who had an Arab employee.

It's plain that Rabbi Kahane, even in death, will remain a force to be reckoned with in Israeli politics. But who was the man behind the rhetoric and the headlines? What made him tick? Robert Friedman, an American journalist, grapples with these questions in what is probably the definitive biography of Kahane, *The False Prophet* (Lawrence Hill Books, $19.95 U.S.)

Published several months before his assassination, *The False Prophet* is a compelling document of a radical. It is based on years of research and scores of interviews.

Rabbi Meir Kahane [IPPA photo]

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Born in the Flatbush district of Brooklyn in 1932, he was the first-born son of Rabbi Charles and Sonia Kahane. By the mid-1930s, Rabbi Charles Kahane had become an important Zionist Revisionist, an Irgun operative in the United States who raised funds, smuggled arms to Palestine and encouraged his son Meir to join Betar, the youth wing of the Herut movement. Meir Kahane turned out to be a zealot. In 1947, he and a group of friends pelted British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin's car with eggs and tomatoes in protest over Britain's mandate in Palestine.

Friedman claims that young Kahane developed a hatred for Arabs as a result of a 1938 incident in Palestine in which his father's sister-in-law was killed by Arabs. "There is no question," he writes, "that the massacre in Palestine traumatized the Kahane family."

Meir Kahane received a fine education — a BA in political science from Brooklyn College and an MA in international affairs from New York University. He also obtained a law degree, but flunked his only bar exam.

After being ordained as a rabbi, he worked for the Howard Beach Jewish Centre in Queens, an experience that proved to be less than satisfying. Rabbi Kahane drifted into journalism, becoming a sports writer for the Brooklyn Daily, a newspaper that its publisher, Rabbi Sholom Klass, would later rename the Jewish Press.

Rabbi Kahane was an adept reporter, winning a Grantland Rice Newspaper Sportswriting Award for his coverage of the New York Yankees. Journalism remained in his blood. In subsequent years, he was associate editor and columnist for the Jewish Press.

On an impulse in 1962, Rabbi Kahane went to Israel, leaving behind his wife and four children. He studied Talmud in a small Yemenite village but, says Friedman, he stuttered so badly in Hebrew that he became "an object of scorn." As a teenager, he had learned to control his stutter, but could not transfer the technique to spoken Hebrew. For a while, he was an assistant rabbi in a religious kibbutz in the Negev, but was ridiculed for his arrogance.

Returning to Brooklyn, he went into seclusion to nurse his battered ego. Friedman says he became an informer for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, infiltrating the extreme right-wing John Birch Society under the name of Michael King. According to Friedman, the Central Intelligence Agency also recruited him, ostensibly to promote the Vietnam war in the Jewish community. Although he was a hawk, he never volunteered for military service.

Rabbi Kahane's affair with a New York model, Gloria Jean D'Argenio (who was known as Estelle Donna Evans), is touched on by Friedman. He met her in June of 1966 when she was 21, and not long afterward, he proposed marriage. Two days before their wedding, he ended the fling with a letter confessing he was married. On July 30, the distraught Evans tried to commit suicide, jumping from a bridge into the East River. The suicide attempt made the front page of the Sunday New York Daily News.

On Aug. 1, she died after a two-hour operation for internal injuries. Friedman claims she was pregnant, possibly with his child. Rabbi Kahane later established a charitable, tax-exempt foundation in her name.

Friedman's treatment of Rabbi Kahane's involvement in the Jewish Defence League is exhaustive. He claims that the Federal Bureau of Investigation used the JDL to resist black militancy in New York City and that Israeli Herutniks, including Yitzhak Shamir, channelled it into anti-Soviet activities.

Friedman believes that the JDL demonstrated Rabbi Kahane's "enormous talent for marketing." Ultimately, however, the JDL became "little more than a fund-raising vehicle" for him.

The Herut leader, Menachem Begin, allegedly professed admiration for Rabbi Kahane, though he did not publicly support JDL's violent activities in the United States. (Rabbi Kahane was at one juncture sentenced to one year in prison for conspiring to make bombs. Apparently, he planned to use them against Soviet property on American soil.)

Rabbi Kahane claims that he moved to Israel in 1971 out of pure Zionist convictions. But Friedman — the recipient of the 1989 Smolar Award for Excellence in North American Journalism — thinks otherwise. The Federal Bureau of Investigation had put him on notice that if he was convicted of a felony again he would not have recourse to probation. And, Friedman adds, Rabbi Kahane calculated that American authorities could not lay a hand on him if Israel was his base of operations.

Clearly, Rabbi Kahane had a following in Israel. Begin offered him a safe Knesset seat, but he rejected it, fearing he would have to compromise his principles. He was also courted by the National Religious Party, whose leader, Yosef Burg, had been a guest in the Kahane household, and by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, who thought he could convince American Jews to immigrate to Israel.

He ran for the Knesset in 1973, campaigning under the banner of the JDL. Friedman says he was the first politician in Israel to openly call for the expulsion of Israeli Arabs. To Rabbi Kahane, Arabs were more than a demographic threat; they polluted the very essence and spirit of Judaism. He argued that Messianic redemption would have taken place if Israel had expelled the Arabs, destroyed the Dome of the Rock Mosque in East Jerusalem and annexed the West Bank.

Rabbi Kahane also maintained that democracy and Western humanistic values were "meaningless to authentic Judaism."

Ever the militant, Rabbi Kahane was brought to trial in 1974 for attempting to smuggle arms into Israel. He received a two-year suspended sentence. It would not be his last brush with the law in the Jewish state.

After his election to the Knesset on a Kach platform, Rabbi Kahane proposed bills that, Friedman observes, "were shockingly reminiscent of the (Nazi) Nuremberg Laws." One called for the expulsion of Israeli Arabs. A second would have made it a crime for a Jewish woman to have sex with an Arab. He also called for confining non-Jews in Israel to ghettos.

Israel was embarrassed by Rabbi Kahane. In 1984, the Knesset voted to allow the police to bar him from entering Israeli Arab villages. And in 1988, the Knesset's central election committee banned the Kach party on the grounds that it was racist and undemocratic. Effectively, Rabbi Kahane's parliamentary career was over.

But, as Friedman correctly points out, his ideas continued to gain momentum throughout Israel. And as long as there is no peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute, they will more than likely carry weight with a goodly proportion of Israeli Jews.

"We're all in the same boat"

The lighter side of the Iraqi Scud missile scare

By
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With all the tension and tragedy, the missile attacks against Israel also had a lighter side which helped Israelis keep up their morale and even their sense of humor. For example:

The Scud missiles come to us from air bases H-2 and H-3 in western Iraq. What most people do not realize is that the H actually stands for Haifa! During the time of the British Mandate, the old Iraqi oil pipeline ran to Haifa, and H-2 and H-3 were control points along that line.

A grim sense of humor was displayed by the writer who published an "advertisement": "Greetings to Saddam Hussein! Continue in your path — you have rescued us." Signed by hotels in the Galilee, manufacturers of masking tape, the Association to Encourage Tourism to Eilat, makers of Valium and Aspirin, and 243 other signatories.

A Scud fell in the north and chunks of heavy metal rained down on the all-Arab town of Shefaram in the Galilee, damaging buildings. Owners demanded that government officials come to assess the damage, and pay the usual compensation. Said the mayor of Shefaram: "Arabs and Jews, we're all in the same boat."

The Levinson family of Kiryat Haim suddenly heard the code words for an alarm, accompanied by the wailing of the sirens. They seized their gas masks and sprang to their sealed room. But when they turned on their radio all was normal. Invstigation revealed that the family parrot had learned the sounds of the times and was proudly performing. He later gave them the all-clear.

Mystics frequently resort to gematria, the system of imparting numerical value to the letters of the Hebrew alphabet, to derive lessons or messages of contemporary significance. Thus, in the general chorus of praise for the American Patriots, which have been so successful in intercepting Scuds, it has been noted that the gematria value of Patriot, in Hebrew, is equivalent to the numerical value of Shaddai — the Almighty.

Characterization of the present general status in Israel: *Shigrat Cherum*, meaning, routine emergency.

It was 3:30 a.m. when the phone rang in the home of Avraham Landa, in Holon. At the other and of the line was a unknown person, calling from Scotland, to wish Israelis good luck and best wishes. He had asked the international operator to connect him with a number in Israel the same as his own. Landa gratefully acknowledged the well wishes.

Shlomo Suissa was caught by a police officer breaking into a car one evening, just as the missile alarm was sounded. The policeman released him immediately with a "See you later."

"Thanks," the would-be thief responded, and ran off to take cover. A week later he was apprehended and hauled into court.

Tel Avivians who sought refuge in Haifa after the first missile attack on their city were reminded by Amnon Dankner, in Hadashot, of a short Japanese ditty:

Sitting in the shade of a cherry tree
He foresaw the Hiroshima blast.
Arose and with his family
Made his way to Nagasaki fast.

One of the casualties of the strain has been dieting. Dieticians and physicians report that anxiety and stress have caused many people to nosh all day long.

Shalom Rosenberg, professor of Jewish philosophy at the Hebrew University, is quoted in the Jerusalem Report as saying that some day, just as people eat matzah on Passover to remember miracles that occurred, future generations may cover their windows with plastic and sit in closed rooms cursing Saddam Hussein, and commemorating a turning point in Jewish history.

Saddam's meanderings revealed conspiratorial view of the world

Shout for victory, O brothers... The soldiers of faith have triumphed — Saddam Hussein, Feb. 26

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Throughout Iraq's ill-fated venture in Kuwait, Saddam Hussein sounded consistent themes. In unison with the ruling Revolutionary Command Council and Baghdad Radio, Saddam reiterated these themes in a bid to justify Iraq's aggression and self-aggrandizement, to lift morale and to rally the Arab masses in the Middle East.

To Westerners, they appeared as inflammatory and delusionary. But to his supporters, they rang with truth, notwithstanding his monumental defeat in the vaunted "mother of battles."

Saddam described Israel in the most lurid terms. He promised to "liberate Palestine." He justified the Scud attacks against Israel. He charged Israel with being militarily embroiled in the Gulf War. He portrayed Iraq glowingly. He claimed that the war was triggered by "Zionist influence." He lashed out at his Arab opponents.

And since August, he insisted that Kuwait was part and parcel of southern Iraq, its 19th province.

In describing Israel, Iraq referred to the Jewish state as a "poisonous hornet's nest of confrontation," as "the criminal Zionist entity," as "criminal Tel Aviv," and as the "Zionist enemy." Rarely was Israel called by its proper name.

By refusing to acknowledge Israel's existence, Iraq turned back the clock, and fully embraced the Arab rejectionist position.

"Palestine," a military communique issued by the Revolutionary Command Council said, "will be liberated and its people will take their lands back. All our forefathers will be proud when they learn that Saddam Hussein has arisen to rescue Palestine (and) the Dome of the Rock..."

Iraq, however, conveniently dropped all references to Palestine and abandoned its cherished notion of linkage when it accepted a Soviet peace plan on the eve of the ground war. By doing so, Iraq implicitly conceded that its burning commitment to the Palestinians was only of a transitory nature, a thinly-disguised cover for its aggressive intentions in Kuwait.

The Scud missile attacks were depicted as Iraq's revenge for "the suffering of the Arab and Muslim people." This was in line with Saddam's brazen presumption that Iraq was protecting the interests of the Arab world. In a further reference to the Scuds, Baghdad Radio stated: "Let the United States hear the wailing of its daughter (Israel) implanted in the heart of the Arab homeland."

By firing Scuds at Israeli cities, Iraq tried, but failed, to involve Israel in the war and break up the multinational coalition. Having failed to goad Israel, Iraq issued patently false statements accusing Israel of participating in the war. "We have proof that the Zionist enemy has used its aircraft from the lands which America and its allies have used against our people, including Saudi territory," Baghdad Radio claimed. In Baghdad, truth was the first casualty of war. Not surprisingly, Iraq tarred Turkey with the same brush. In a commentary, Baghdad Radio claimed that the Turkish government had given Israel permission to station aircraft at the Incirlik air base, from which coalition bombers flew combat missions into northern Iraq.

Iraq continually harped on the theme that Israel and the Zionist movement manipulated the United States. In an interview with Cable News Network (CNN) shortly after the allies unleashed the air war, Saddam said: "This war that is being waged... is a Zionist war... Zionism is fighting us through American blood, through your blood... the Zionists (want) to be the master of the situation, in order to be the dominant power in the area once the war has come to an end.

"Zionism is fighting us. And had it not been for the Zionist influence, you would not have come here to occupy the land of our sanctity, the land of the tomb of Mohammed, and the land of the Muslims..."

Saddam's ungrammatical and turgid meanderings were glaring, but inconsequential compared to his paranoic, myopic, conspiratorial and classically anti-Semitic world view of Zionism (read Jews) as the root of all evil.

Informed observers know why Saddam stormed into Kuwait on Aug. 2. He coveted Kuwait's oil fields. He desired two of its islands that would have given him access to a deep-water port on the Persian Gulf. He dreamed of leading the Arab world.

But according to a Feb. 15 statement broadcast over Baghdad Radio, Iraq had anything but ulterior motives.

"O Iraqis, O Arabs, O Muslims, O free men of the world. The events of Aug. 2, 1990, in substance and goals, were not as portrayed by the U.S. and colonialist propaganda... These events were a national, pan-Arab and Islamic uprising against the conspiracy and conspirators — an uprising against injustice, immorality, corruption and imperialist-Zionist-colonialist hegemony of the region...

"The (coalition) massed armies... and organized the biggest and most malicious campaigns of misinformation, lies and deception witnessed... in the modern age."

What is more, Iraq implied that the coalition's military response to its rape of Kuwait was preordained.

As Bagdhad Radio put it: "Ever since the United States, Zionism and the... imperialist Western allies came to realize that an Arab Muslim country, Iraq, was developing a force of its own, capable of being a counter-weight to the imperialist-backed Zionism — a free, honorable force, resolved selflessly to tackle Zionist aggression and greed, and to reject imperialist hegemony over the region — the United States... entertained hatred against the Muslims and the Arabs..."

Saddam Hussein greets an Iraqi soldier in Kuwait last summer.

Needless to say, this rhetoric glossed over the paramount fact that the West played an important role in arming Iraq and making it into a regional bully which had to be defanged.

Iraq, of course, portrayed itself as a "lover of humanity, virtue and fairness" which categorically rejects "aggressiveness, injustice and unfairness." Iraq, too, was a "bastion of faith and honorable aspiration."

Kuwait, the Iraqis maintained, belongs to Iraq.

"Kuwait was part of Iraq, but was annexed following the partitioning conspiracy to weaken the Arab nation (a reference to the French and British mandates in the Middle East after the First World War), harm its status and role, and weaken every Arab country that has some kind of leverage."

On its invasion of Kuwait, Iraq observed: "The measure taken on the glorious day of the call (was) a means of self-defence, and one aimed at defending all honorable principles and values of Iraq."

Iraq had nothing but scorn for the Arab leaders who supported the coalition, with Baghdad Radio describing them as "tyrannical Arab rulers who betrayed the nation's principles and aspirations of their people." Iraq claimed that they "accepted degradation and humiliation... They chose the path of obeying the tendentious foreigner... (and) sold out honor and religion."

The president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, was assailed as "the light-headed Hosni." King Fahd of Saudi Arabia was called "the betrayer" who "chews his words just as camels chew the grass..."

Ironic words, these. First, who is the tyrant? Saddam's police state is notoriously brutal. Second, Saddam fostered close ties with Egypt and Saudi Arabia when it suited him. Third, the Iraqi Ba'athists are avowed secularists who used religious devotion for their own ends.

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Saddam, however, touched a sensitive chord in the Arab, Islamic and Third world. He played on fears that the West and its Arab allies embarked on a colonialist crusade against Iraq, and intended to obliterate Iraq as a regional military and industrial power. He cast himself as a brave, fearless Arab who stood up to the West, even in the face of crushing military defeat. He passed himself off as a latter-day Robin Hood who sought to narrow the gap between have and have-not Arab countries.

To an extent, Saddam's appeal worked. There were pro-Iraqi demonstrations in Jordan, Yemen, North Africa and Pakistan. King Hassan of Morocco, normally a staunch U.S. ally, has said: "Our hearts are with the Iraqis." The Tunisian government condemned the pounding of Iraq, while the Pakistani chief of staff charged that the Gulf War is part of a "Zionist" strategy.

In Sri Lanka, U.S. warships en route to the Gulf were denied berthing rights. In India, Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar forbade U.S. military aircraft to refuel in Bombay en route to the Middle East.

Clearly, Iraq elicited sympathy in certain quarters. But elsewhere, he was viewed as a contemptible bluffer and blowhard who played fast and loose with his nation and his people and as a dangerous aggressor who had to be stopped and destroyed.

Adults and children flock to schools

Study of Hebrew expands tremendously in Hungary

By
CHARLES HOFFMAN

The study of Hebrew has expanded tremendously here during the past year among all age groups, due mainly to the opening of new Jewish day schools and the work done by Israeli emissaries of the Jewish Agency.

Eliezer Even, an educational emissary of the Agency, said in an interview that about 2,000 children and adults, some of them non-Jews, are now studying Hebrew.

Official estimates say that there are about 80,000 Jews in Hungary, with most of them in Budapest, although there are probably tens of thousands more who have hidden their Jewish origins since the end of the Second World War.

During the Communist era, Hebrew study was permitted for a handful of students at the university and the Budapest Rabbinical Seminary, and for about 100 children studying in part-time synagogue Talmud Torahs.

Widespread Hebrew study was discouraged because of its linkages with Israel and Zionism, which were targets of hostile propaganda by the regime.

Even said that about 800 adults are learning Hebrew in evening classes sponsored by the Jewish Agency, and a similar number of children study Hebrew in the three day schools.

The day schools include the Anna Frank School, a high school run for many years by the Jewish community, with 135 pupils; and two schools which opened this fall: the American Endowment School, a day school sponsored by Toronto billionaire Albert Reichmann, with 450 pupils; and the Lauder-Yavneh Jewish Community School, funded by the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation and run by the Hungarian Jewish Community School Foundation, with 110 pupils. The foundation also runs a kindergarten, which receives additional funding from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The Anna Frank School, which is partially funded by JDC, started teaching Hebrew again a year ago, after the language had been banned for many years.

About 40 students study Hebrew at the Center for Jewish Studies at Budapest University, which is co-ordinated by Prof. Geza Komoroczy, a non-Jew, and partially funded by the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

Even, who began his work in Hungary in mid-1989, has also introduced Hebrew into five public schools, including a Catholic school. Even himself teaches Hebrew at the Eotvos Gymnasium, a prestigious public school that was attended in the 1870s by Theodor Herzl, who founded the Zionist Organization in 1897.

"I believe that we have the potential to double the number of adults now studying Hebrew," Even said. "We recently published a small ad for Hebrew lessons in a daily newspaper, and 300 people showed up for the initial meeting. Hebrew study is the most important tool we have for making contact with Jewish adults who don't have any other ties to the Jewish community."

Even, a veteran educator, was born in 1923 in a small town west of Budapest. During the war he was a member of the Zionist youth movement underground that saved tens of thousands of Jews by supplying them with false papers provided by the Swiss Embassy and other sources. After the war he worked in the clandestine immigration movement to Palestine, and made aliya in 1947.

A Zionist organization was established last year, and there are about 250 children and youth active in Zionist youth movements (Hashomer Hatzair, Habonim-Dror, Bnei Akiva and Hanoar Hatzioni). Seventy children are studying in Israel in Youth Aliyah schools, and hundreds of teenagers have attended summer programs in Israel during the past two years.

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World

In Brief

From CJN wire services

SOVIET ALIYA

Absorption officials are gearing up for an immigration deluge of 25,000-35,000 Soviet Jews who put off their move during the Gulf War. As of Monday, 500 Soviets have been arriving daily, double the figure during the war.

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SAUDIS URGE END TO PLO LEADERSHIP

A senior Saudi official said Friday his country will actively encourage Palestinians in the territories to abandon the PLO and Yasser Arafat, and that Saudi Arabia will itself work to develop an alternative Palestinian leadership.

"What has been proven is that handouts of money do not make friends," the official was quoted as saying in the New York Times. "We gave tens of millions of dollars to King Hussein and to Arafat, and they turned against us."

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PALESTINIANS STILL BELIEVE IN SADDAM

Palestinians in East Jerusalem greeted coalition claims of Iraq's military collapse last week with derision.

"The war is not over until it's over," said engineer Halil Jamhour last Wednesday. "And then we still support Saddam Hussein because he is an Arab Arab and not an American Arab like (Egyptian President) Hosni Mubarak."

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CURFEW LIFTED IN ENTIRE GAZA STRIP

Daylight curfew was removed Sunday from the entire Gaza Strip for the first time Jan. 16, but in the West Bank several towns and villages remained under curfew, military sources said.

Gaza fisherman were also free to put out to sea.

The Civil Administration said that 25,000 Palestinians crossed the Green Line with permits to work in Israel.

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LABOR PEACE RIFT

The debate that began in the Labor Party's Political Bureau Sunday on the new peace initiative of party chairman Shimon Peres reopened the long running controversy between him and his rival, former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, and between the party's doves and hawks on security and foreign policy.

The Peres initiative focuses on solving the Palestinian problem, proposing negotiations either with a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation or with a delegation on the lines of U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's proposal.

It calls, among others, for establishing a federation of Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza Strip; dimilitarizing the territories, which would be returned; fixing the Jordan River as a security border, and keeping united Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Evidence of Jewish discrimination cited

Syrian claim challenged at UN commission

GENEVA (JTA) —

Syria's claim that it does not discriminate against Jews was challenged last week at the U.N. Human Rights Commission.

David Littman, representing the World Union for Progressive Judaism, submitted a statement citing the plight of some 200 young Jewish women denied the right to leave Syria to marry within their faith.

Littman, whose organization enjoys non-governmental status at the United Nations in Geneva, urged the commission to name a special representative to inquire "into the situation of the Jewish minority community in Syria, particularly the approximately 200 single Jewish girls and women who wish to leave their country of birth for the purposes of marrying abroad a person of their faith, but have been forcibly retained in Syria for years."

While the issue of Jews held hostage by the Damascus regime is not new, Littman raised it in the current debate of the commission in response to a Syrian letter claiming Syria respects Judaism and does not discriminate against any religion.

The letter, from the head of the Syrian delegation to the U.N. panel, was addressed to Jan Martenson, U.N. undersecretary-general for human rights. It followed widespread outrage in and outside U.N. circles here over a ritual blood libel accusation a Syrian diplomat leveled against Jews at a session of the commission held three weeks ago.

The official letter, dated Feb. 19, bore the imprimatur of the permanent representative of Syria to the United Nations, but not his name.

Syria's blood libel against Jews was contained in a statement read to the commission by Nabila Shaalan, the second-ranking member of the Syrian delegation.

The statement strongly recommended that commission members read "a valuable book" called "The Matzah of Zion," by Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas, which justified ritual murder charges brought against Jews in Damascus in 1840 for the death of a Catholic missionary.

According to Shaalan's statement, the book "confirms the racist reality of Zionism" and proves that Jews have engaged in ritual murder.

Littman described the book as "ethnic pornography." He said a copy of the Arabic version soon might be found in the U.N. library, "just as one might have discovered there, a few years ago, 'The Protocols of the Elders of Zion,' serialized in a weekly called 'Sarouche,' conveniently published in French by the Iranian government."

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Still recovering from transplant

Atlas discharged from hospital

BALTIMORE (JTA) —

Allison Atlas, the 21-year-old leukemia patient whose need for a bone marrow transplant made news around the world, is finally living in her own room again in Bethesda, Md., after being discharged from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle on Feb. 20.

Atlas is "still very weak," said Simon Atlas, a cousin who, along with other relatives, welcomed home Allison, her sister and parents. "She still has a long recovery period to go through. But they were thrilled and relieved to be home again after eight months in Seattle."

Atlas discovered she had myelodysplasia, a type of pre-leukemia, a year and a half ago. Her family then organized and launched the Friends of Allison campaign and mounted a $3 million search for a bone marrow donor in which more than 50,000 people worldwide were tested for tissue compatibility.

No tissue match was found for Atlas, but several other leukemia patients found compatible donors among the tens of thousands of names added to the National Marrow Donor Program's computerized registry through the Friends of Allison campaign.

Allison Atlas is back at home.

Disappointed and concerned with Atlas' deteriorating condition, the family decided last fall to attempt a transplant using tissue taken from Atlas' mother, Arlene, despite it not being a perfect match. The transplant was performed Aug. 9 at the Hutchinson Centre.

A month later, doctors discovered that Allison Atlas had developed Graft-Versus-Host (GVH) disease, a potentially fatal immunological reaction. The transplanted bone marrow had recognized a few elements within the host body as foreign and was attacking them in "self-defence."

Doctors at the centre immediately began a steroids treatment, which has continued for several months, with apparent success.

"When Allison left here, the doctors said in no uncertain terms that they saw no signs of leukemia or GVH," said Ann Beringer, a spokeswoman for the Hutchinson Centre.

While doctors consider Atlas' condition good, they cannot guarantee against remission. She continues to require periodic blood transfusions and is expected to return to Seattle next fall for a checkup.

"She still has several months of convalescence," Dr. John Hansen, Atlas' physician at the Hutchinson Centre cautioned in a written statement. "But we are increasingly optimistic about her progress."

Members of her immediate family requested in a prepared statement last week that they "not be contacted for interviews or photos at this time because Allison needs total rest . . . Allison looks forward to resuming her normal activities after her recuperation."

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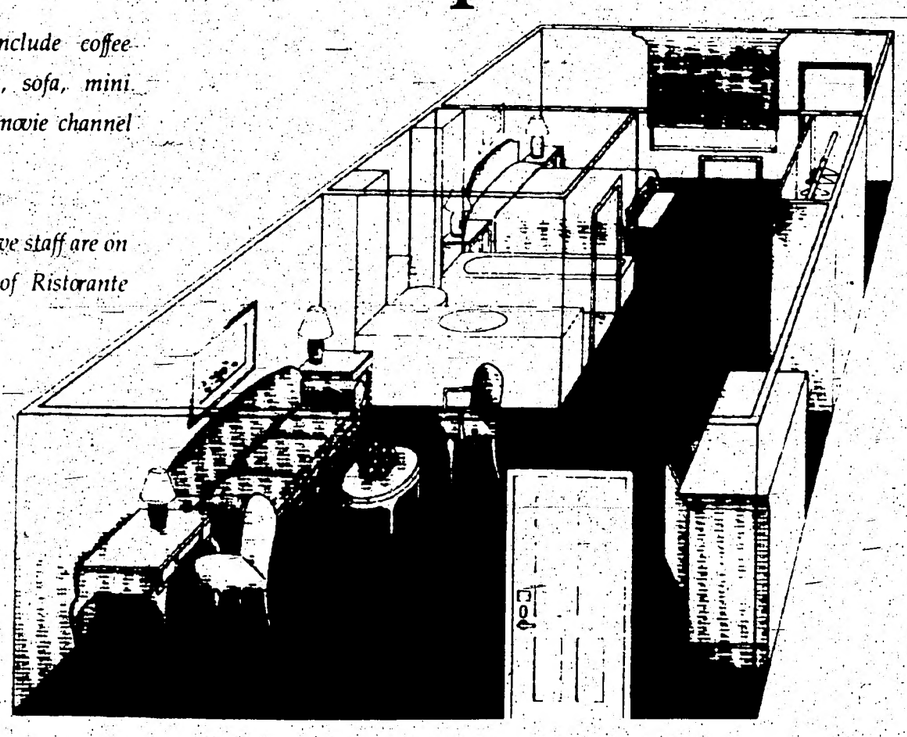

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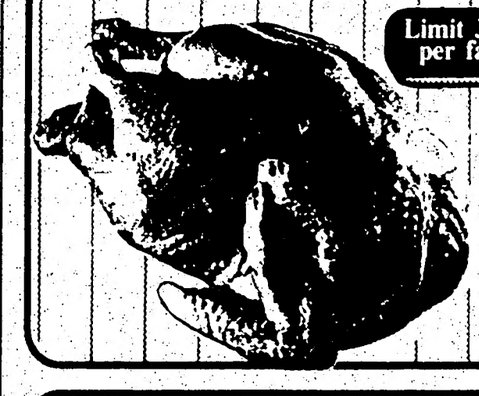
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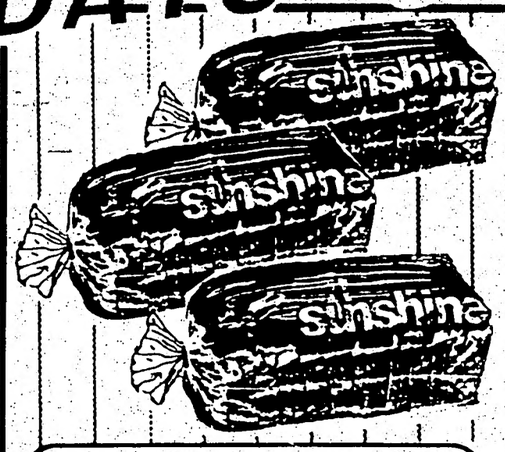

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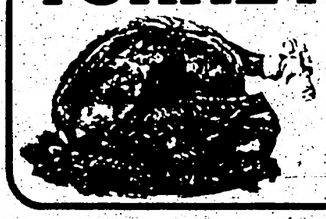
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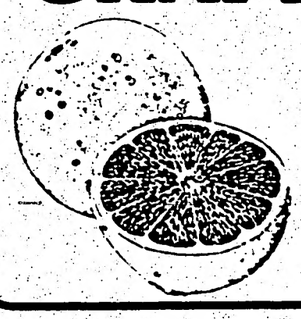
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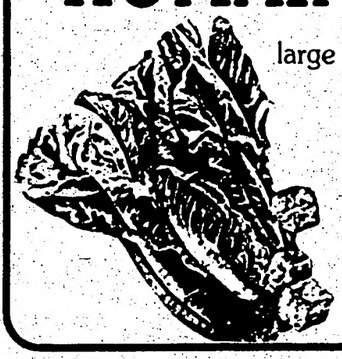
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Israel

Ceasefire coincided with Purim

Israelis return to normal routines

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israelis were told Thursday to put their gas masks in mothballs, remove the plastic sealants from their gas-proofed rooms and return to normal routines, including the enjoyment of nightlife, suspended when the first Scud missiles hit Tel Aviv six weeks ago.

The occasion was the cease-fire in Iraq, announced at 7 a.m. local time, which ended the fighting in the Persian Gulf area with a total victory for the U.S.-led forces.

The cease-fire coincided with the celebration of Purim, the festival commemorating the deliverance of the Jews in ancient Persia from the death decreed them by the villainous Haman.

It took no great leap of imagination to draw an analogy between Haman and the modern-day enemy of the Jews, Saddam Hussein.

Orthodox Jews saw the fortuitous juxtaposition of Purim with the cease-fire as proof of the efficacy of prayer and a sign of the Almighty's special concern for the well-being of the Jews.

The Israel Defence Force and the civil defence authorities lifted all restrictions on evening and nighttime entertainment and public gatherings, restraints which were instituted to avoid concentrations of civilians after dark when the Scud missile attacks occurred.

While that was good news for the cinemas, restaurants and nightclubs, the biggest sigh of relief greeted the instructions to pack away the gas masks in their original cartons "for safekeeping should they ever be needed again, God forbid."

Another sign normalcy had returned was the resumption of broadcast weather reports. They had been suspended to deny Iraqi missile launchers information about local weather conditions.

The rabbinical authorities quickly reinstated the restrictions they had eased for the duration of the emergency. The pious may no longer listen to their radios on the Sabbath.

Israelis were told to peel off the adhesive tape used to protect windows and doorframes from poison gas. But disposing of the plastic tape and sheets that provided additional protection for windows and doors was a little more complicated.

Plastic is not biodegradable and, unless recycled, can constitute a permanent ecological hazard.

Uri Marinov, director general of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, advised people to compress the tape and the sheets separately into balls as small as possible, put them in plastic bags and have their children carry them to school.

The schools will be central collection points for recycling companies, which until now have been collecting wastepaper, bottles and metal cans.

The ministry is trying to figure out how to dispose of an estimated 1.2 million square yards of clear plastic sheeting. What cannot be recycled will be buried at special garbage and toxic waste sites.

Meanwhile, massive traffic jams built up in Tel Aviv, where many streets were closed off for the traditional Purim parade.

Youngsters in a variety of costumes, many reflecting Gulf war themes, snake-danced along the roads, rattling their noisemakers.

Vehicular traffic was exceptionally heavy, as many Tel Aviv area residents who temporarily relocated to avoid the missile attacks returned home.

The Magen David Adom, Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross, is being kept on alert status, a reminder that the cease-fire could be fragile. Israel also anticipates renewed intifada violence in the territories from a Palestinian population bitterly disappointed by the defeat of Saddam Hussein.

Airlines resume service to Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Foreign airlines are about to resume service to Israel, which they suspended in mid-January on the eve of the Persian Gulf War.

Greece's Olympic Airlines, the last of the international carriers to abandon Ben-Gurion Airport, was scheduled to return there on March 5.

Olympic has not flown to Israel since Jan. 15, the U.N. deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait. For the time being, it will fly twice weekly from Athens, returning eventually to its former schedule of three flights a week.

British Airways will follow Olympic. Germany's Lufthansa had planned to be the first foreign airline to resume service to Israel. But that decision was postponed for unspecified reasons.

Lufthansa expects to be flying here again some time this week.

The withdrawal of foreign carriers in time of crisis proved the value of El Al, Israel's national airline. For the past five weeks, it has been Israel's only regular air connection with the rest of the world.

Tower Air, an American charter service, also continued to fly to Israel, but was limited by its insurers to carrying outbound passengers only.

Malev, the Hungarian national airline, has resumed charter flights bringing Soviet immigrants to Israel via Budapest. There have never been direct flights from Moscow.

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The slump in tourism is continuing with no relief in sight, although Israelis who decided to sit out the Persian Gulf War abroad are beginning to come home.

The figures released here for the first half of February are depressing for the tourist industry, which is a leading earner of foreign currency.

Fewer than 6,000 visitors logged in at Ben-Gurion Airport between Feb. 1 and 15, more than 80 per cent less than for the same period last year.

In January, 23,000 tourists came to Israel, a drop of 73 per cent from January 1990.

Industry sources say there is no economic justification at this point for foreign airlines to resume service to Israel, which they suspended more than five weeks ago as war became imminent.

But substantially more Israelis are arriving at the airport than are leaving at this time, an indication that the mass exodus of Israelis fleeing Scud missile attacks has been reversed.

Tourism officials hope the successful outcome of the war against Iraq will revive tourism here in time for the spring season.

"Robin Hood" goes to jail

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

A Tel Aviv District Court judge has pronounced a 20-year prison sentence on confessed bank robber Ronnie Leibovitz, whose debonair style and daring motorcycle getaways made him something of a folk hero.

Leibovitz, scion of a well-to-do family, confessed to having robbed 22 banks in the Greater Tel Aviv area at gunpoint in the course of a year before police finally caught up with him.

His take in the daring robberies was some $150,000, all of which he reportedly returned to the banks. But Judge Victoria Ostrovsky-Cohen, presiding over a three-judge panel, slapped Leibovitz with the maximum sentence for armed robbery.

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Palestinians stay away from jobs as quotas lifted

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Quotas on Palestinians who may return to work inside Israel have been lifted, but several other factors have kept them out, defence sources told the Knesset labor and social affairs committee.

"There is no policy of confinement," Brig.-Gen. Danny Rothschild, government co-ordinator in the territories, told the committee. "Since the middle of last week, there has been no limit on the number of workers from the territories who can enter Israel."

Deputy co-ordinator Brig.-Gen. Freddie Zach told the committee that 30,000 permits have been issued so far, although he noted no more than 20,000 Palestinans a day have crossed the Green Line to work.

Up to 120,000 Palestinians regularly worked in Israel, 40,000 with valid work permits, before a series of curfews began after the Temple Mount riot in October and culminated in the clampdown when the war began.

The difference between permits issued and workers returning has been attributed to the continuing security ban on Palestinian workers returning to the Tel Aviv and Haifa areas, and mutual fear on the part of many Israelis and Palestinians about working together at this time.

Employment regulations

Palestinian economist Samir Halailech says that, quota or not, new employment regulations give territories' workers less chance of competing for jobs with Israelis and new immigrants.

Halailech said that apart from the very rich, Palestinians have used up all their savings, merchants are refusing to give credit to their customers because neither Israeli banks nor the Cairo-Amman bank will give merchants credit. Palestinian businessmen abroad, encouraged by Israeli approval for new economic projects last year, no longer want to finance them for fear Israel might stop production and marketing at any moment.

He said that in studies he has conducted in the hill regions of the West Bank, he estimates that 10 per cent of families are in good economic shape, and six per cent are at starvation level while 50 per cent have sizeable debts which they cannot repay and cannot receive credit for basic food purchases. "In almost all sectors almost everything is paralyzed."

Rothschild, who replaced Shmuel Goren in the co-ordinator's job earlier this month, told the committee that "we are doing everything to make living together possible and looking after human rights."

He said that permits were necessary to ensure "the rights of the workers."

TAKING A BREAK

American servicemen, stationed in Israel to operate the Patriot missiles, enjoy a break along the sea-front in Tel-Aviv. [IPPA photo]

Yeshiva student killed by activist

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A yeshiva student was brutally killed in the Old City last Wednesday night, a murder viewed by Israelis as a deperate attempt by Palestinian activists to rekindle the intifada in the wake of Iraq's ignominious defeat by the U.S.-led coalition forces.

The murder also raised concern in Israel that more violent crimes can be expected once Arab workers from the territories return in full strength to their jobs in Israel.

The victim, 25-year-old Elchanan Attali, was found by border police in an alley early Thursday morning with his throat cut and 13 stab wounds all over his body. Police believe he was killed by more than one assailant.

Attali was attacked near his school, the Ateret Cohanim yeshiva, which was established in the Moslem Quarter in 1986 in the belief living side by side would contribute to Arab-Jewish coexistence.

More than 1,000 people attended Attali's funeral Thursday, which was without incident.

"He was murdered only because he was a Jew," the victim's brother, Nahalel Attali, said. "He did not carry arms," he said. "He did not provoke them, he did not humiliate them."

The murder prompted Police Minister Ronni Milo to renew his call for the death penalty. "We shall take unprecedented strong measures to prevent such trouble," he declared.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir dismissed speculation that the murder, the first since the Persian Gulf War, pointed to a "turning point." In his view, it was just a continuation of "the murderous and bloody path of our enemies."

Meanwhile, Palestinians are showing signs of deep depression over the allied forces' defeat of Iraq. The despair follows upon what seemed to be irrational jubilation in the West Bank over what was initially deemed Saddam Hussein's "victory."

Now, many who had supported Saddam Hussein have expressed anger at him for dragging his country and people into such a catastrophe.

They fear a solution of the Palestinian problem is more remote than ever.

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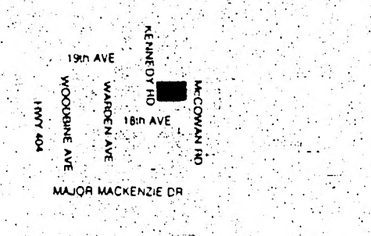

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Israel

U.S. weapons sent to Israel

Attack helicopters arrive early

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The United States has speeded up delivery of vital weapons to Israel, including Apache attack helicopters, which have arrived two years ahead of the original Israel Defence Force target dates.

David Ivri, director general of the Israeli Defence Ministry, disclosed the accelerated schedule.

Ivri, who accompanied Defence Minister Moshe Arens during his Feb. 11 meeting in Washington with Defence Secretary Dick Cheney, also cited the speedy delivery of U.S. Patriot anti-missile systems after the first Iraqi missile attack on Israel as an example of the high-level strategic co-operation between the two countries.

"I have no doubt that the implementation of certain logistical steps, such as the delivery of Patriots, at the pace which has occurred until now, is the result of the infrastructure which was established by strategic co-operation," Ivri said.

Ten attack helicopters and 12 early-model F-15 aircraft were part of the $700 million in special military assistance the Bush administration promised Israel after Iraq invaded Kuwait last August.

"But delivery was delayed when the Gulf War started" on Jan. 17, military analyst Ze'ev Schiff wrote in the Feb. 21 edition of The Jerusalem Report, an English-language weekly.

"Israel was informed that not all the promised equipment might be available: Some was needed for the war, and the whole list would have to be reassessed later on," Schiff wrote.

But "as things developed, instead of the one Patriot that the United States had promised, six were sent to Israel," Schiff pointed out, adding that some might remain there after the war.

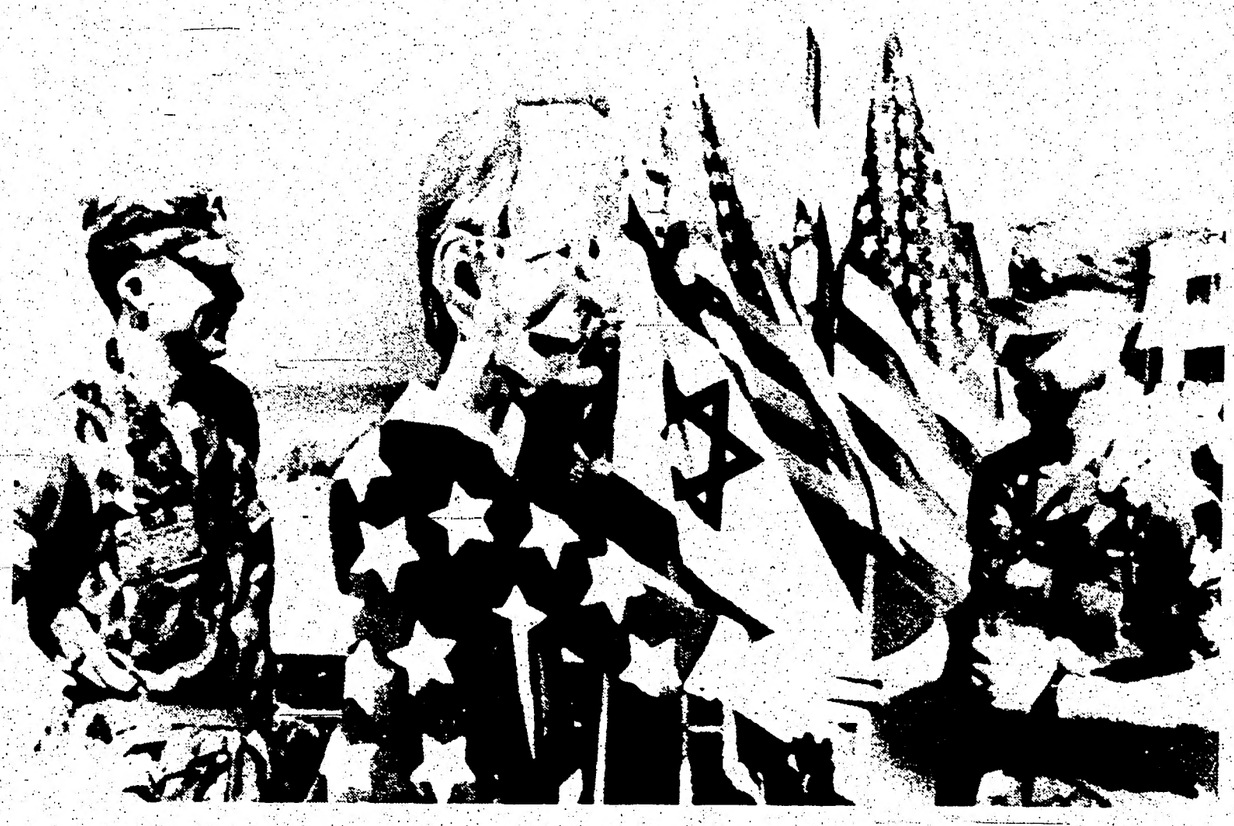
Ivri said strategic co-operation with Washington has become "normal, mutual and reaches the highest levels." He said this co-operation "maintains ongoing work and creates important personal relations."

Speaking of Israel's policy of restraint in face of Iraqi Scud missile attacks, the Defence Ministry official said it is the government's duty to discuss and determine when to respond.

"This deliberation indicates the state's maturity and reflects on the existence of our military capability and the possibility of the country's response," he said.

Israel has received word from the Dutch government, meanwhile, that it will not have to pay Holland for missiles fired by the eight Dutch Patriot batteries that arrived here Sunday night.

The anti-missile systems were positioned west of Jerusalem Monday afternoon and are now operational.



PATRIOT PARTY

U.S. soldiers manning Patriot missile batteries in Israel shake hands with an effigy of President George Bush at a party in their honor at a Tel-Aviv hotel. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Baker set to discuss alternative to PLO

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Scowcroft said Baker will be discussing with the Saudis their support for an alternative Palestinian leadership to the PLO. Saudi Arabia, which, like Kuwait, was a major financial backer of the PLO, has already indicated it will look for some other Palestinian group to back.

But Saudi Arabia has also let it be known that it will no longer help Jordan, which sided with Iraq.

The Bush administration, however, continues to show a measure of sympathy for Jordan's King Hussein, despite U.S. anger at his backing of Iraq.

"We understand his situation," Baker said, referring to the large number of Palestinians in Jordan.

"We have no lasting pique with Jordan," Bush said Friday. He said the United States has had "very pleasant relationships with Jordan," which turned into a "certain sense of disappointment" at Jordan's position during the Gulf crisis.

Bush said a rapprochement will take time. "I can't say how much, but clearly we do not want to see a destabilized Jordan. I have no personal animosity toward his majesty, the king."

Administration officials say Jordan is still essential to the peace process.

"Jordan stands ready to do its share," because it believes there is now a "window of opportunity," Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan said Sunday.

But he said Jordan must first be assured of the well-being of the Palestinians.

While King Hussein has called for forgiveness from the Arab world, Hassan stressed, "We haven't done anything wrong."

Sympathy for Jordan

Robinson hits Israel on Palestinian issue

[Cont'd. from page 1]

ly his supporters, Robinson blamed Israel for the plight of the Palestinian people since the 1967 war.

"The reality is that there has been a profound injustice for decades for Palestinians on the occupied West Bank and Gaza," he said.

Robinson also chastised Israel for flouting UN resolutions.

"There has been, for 23 years, contempt for international law, UN resolutions 242 and 338," he said.

Robinson accused Israel of employing terror against Palestinians. In that connection, he referred to the 1982 massacre of Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in West Beirut by Lebanese Christian Phalangists, who were allied with Israel at the time.

Kahn accused Robinson of being unfairly selective in apportioning exclusive blame to Israel for the circumstances of Palestinians.

"It is the Arab nations, with the sole exception of Egypt, who have consistently maintained their refusal to recognize Israel and negotiate peace with her."

He reminded Robinson that UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 call for Arab recognition of Israel and their formal renunciation of the state of war.

Late last year, Robinson initiated a mission to Iraq with two members of Parliament, Lloyd Axworthy and Bob Corbett, to negotiate the release of Canadian hostages.

He told the Globe and Mail before leaving that he intended to link Israel with a resolution of the Persian Gulf crisis, which Iraq's Saddam Hussein has been seeking all along.

Several local Jews who attended Robinson's constituency meeting told the Bulletin they were too intimidated by his supporters to raise questions.

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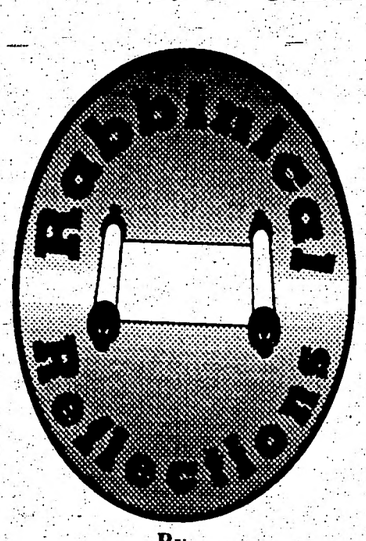

By
RABBI AARON LEVINE

In Ten Commandments of the Purim Festival, I made no mention of the custom of donning masks and costumes because it did not belong with the halachic obligation cited. If understood correctly, this custom could send us a powerful message relevant to the world scene today.

The Talmud says that Queen Esther is indicated in the Torah in the verse "And I shall surely hide (*astir*) My face." (Deuteronomy 31:18). On this basis some ascribe the above custom. We hint to the hiding of God's face, but we rejoice with praise to God who answers us in our distress. (Otzar Kol Minhagei Yeshurun, p. 128).

Interestingly, the word God is completely missing from the revealed text of the Megillah — a strange phenomena for one of the Sacred Writings. The obvious lesson is that we can read the entire Megillah as a series of coincidences, undirected by the Divine hand of God. Achashverosh happened to get drunk, called for Vashti who refused to come. Esther, a Jew, just so happened to be crowned Queen. Mordechai happened to overhear a plot to murder the King; and so on throughout the Megillah.

But it all depends through which eyeglasses one is viewing the events. With purely secular vision, God is not visible. However, if one dons Jewish spectacles, oh how clearly he sees the hand of God, the causes for the Divine decree of destruction, the events leading to repentance, and the sequence of happenings by which God manipulated His puppets, the actors of the Purim shpiel.

Amalek, from whom Haman descended, epitomizes the "ism" of Coincidentalism which maintains that there is no Divine Providence and all that occurs in the world is merely happenstance. But it is when Israel adopts this "ism" and asks ". . . Is there a God in our midst or not?" (Exodus 17:6), that Amalek attacks us.

Maimonides writes that it is a Torah command to cry out in repentance whenever calamity befalls us. But if one does not repent, but rather says that this is merely the way the world runs and attributes the event to coincidence and non-Divine cause, this adds to the calamity. This is what the Torah says: "If you will conduct yourself with *Me bekeri* (as though all is mere coincidence), then I, too, shall conduct Myself with you with the fury of non-Providence. (See Leviticus 26:27-28).

Far be it from me to point an accusing finger at anyone for the woes that befall our holy nation. But when we are faced with the Pharaohs, the Hamans, the Chmielnitzkis, the Hitlers, the Husseins, *yemach shmam vzichram*, who rise up against us in all generations, that is not the time to ask "Is God in our midst or not?"

It is rather precisely the time that we should recognize that for reasons beyond our finite comprehension, the infinite wisdom of the Master of the Universe dictates that He hides His face and He says, "I am hiding, go and seek Me." Recognize that as Creator of the World, I am Master over all of history and that ". . . the heart of a king is in the hands of God, He turns it whichever way He wishes." (Proverbs 21:1).

Why and why not, when and when not, does God turn the heart of the king in any direction, we are incapable of knowing. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says God. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than yours, and My thoughts higher than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9).

The Mishnah states that it wasn't the hands of Moses that beat Amalek, neither is it the might of any army arrayed against the enemy. Rather, it is when the Jewish nation subjects their thoughts and hearts to the Almighty that they prevail. Let us dedicate ourselves to a renewed commitment to our Holy Torah and the Divine commandments and we shall merit to see once again in our days the miracles that God wrought in those days, and peace shall reign over the land.

Torah study sessions held

Diaspora Jews show solidarity

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Thousands of Jews in North America, South Africa, Europe and Israel spent a 24 hour period recently studying Torah to show their solidarity with the world Jewish community.

In Toronto, over 3,000 took part, including men, women and children, chassidim, yeshiva students, observant and non-observant, the knowledgable and those who didn't know the Hebrew alphabet, men in streimels and women wearing slacks.

This pattern was repeated wherever the vigil was held, according to media reports.

The project was initiated by Rabbi Raphael Butler, U.S. national director of NCSY, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth.

Different organizations sponsored the study session in the various localities.

In Toronto, it was sponsored by the Vaad HaRabbonim, Toronto Jewish Network and Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation of Toronto, the host congregation.

Other organizations endorsing the project included Aish Hatorah, Bobov, Chabad Lubavitch, NCSY, and Ohr Somayech.

In the United States, sponsors included Young Israel and the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations.

Rabbi Nosson Westreich, Canadian executive director of NCSY, emphasized that while the physical contribution to the war effort is most important, those who can't contribute that way, can come together "to express ourselves as Jews," by learning Torah.

"The Talmud says that when the community is suffering, it is not enough for me to go to my house and know that I am safe. I must participate in the *tsar* (trouble) of my brethren.

"That isn't philosophy — that's the law."

Although we are not in Israel, Rabbi Westreich said, "the pain is ours: the anxiety is ours."

Rabbi Baruch Taub, spiritual leader of BAYT, said that the mitzvot of learning Torah, praying, and charity must all be done in a spirit of kindness and compassion.

"It is no good to avoid taking interest on a loan from a fellow-Jew, but instead take his heart away."

Allied victory predicted

Rabbi Moshe Lowy, bringing greetings from the Vaad HaRabbonim, said that by learning and praying, "we are on the front lines of the war.

"Israel will win not because of physical armies, but because it is G-d's will."

Rabbi Yaakov Weinberg, rosh hayeshiva of Ner Israel Yeshiva in Baltimore, predicted that after the allied victory, of which he is confident, there will be tremendous pressure on Israel to give up land for the Palestinians to have a state.

He said that "to risk even one Jewish life is too great, when people are intent on destroying us."

Other speakers included Rabbi Immanuel Shochet of Lubavitch, Rabbi Uziel Milevsky of Ohr Somayech, Rabbi Avishai David of Yeshivat Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot Girls School, Rabbi Shalom Schwartz of Aish HaTorah, Rabbi Henry Hoschander of Shaarei Shomayim, and Rabbi Shmuel Klein of Eitz Chaim Schools.

Programs were held throughout the night for high school and university-age students.

A highlight was a program for Yachad, an organization within NCSY for developmentally disabled young adults.

"We were making a statement of collectiveness, that we are all part of klal Yisrael," said Rabbi Westreich.

Several of the organizers, and many of those attending, suggested the possibility of having another study weekend.

Educational materials available for Soviet Jews

NEW YORK —
A giant step was taken in easing the dearth of Jewish educational materials for Soviet Jewish immigrants in the United States with the opening this week in New York of the first fully-stocked outlet of Russian-language books and recordings on Torah.

The resource has been established by Shoroshim, a division of Agudath Israel of America created two years ago to reach out to arriving Soviet Jews.

According to Rabbi Eliyah Rubinovich, director of Shoroshim and himself a native Russian who came here in an earlier wave of emigration in the '70s, Torah-educational efforts among Soviet Jews have long been hampered by a lack of materials in the Russian language, and for lack of accessibility of the works that have been published.

Over the past several years, more original writings on Torah and Judaism have been authored by Russian Jews, and more translations of the classics have also appeared.

This is a result, says Rabbi Rubinovich, of the flowering of a home grown baal teshuva movement in the Soviet Union, dating back to the pre-glasnost era.

Due to the lack of a central resource, the many titles that non exist have been hard to come by even for the growing number of educators and laymen now active in the field of outreach to Soviet Jews.

The Shoroshim Russian *sefarim* (books, often religious books) outlet, created to address this problem, doubles as a retail bookstore and bulk-order warehouse. The outlet is stocking some 75 titles on T'nach, Jewish history and Torah lore, on basic concept, belief, custom and practice. Pamphlets on Purim and Haggadahs for Pesach, a guide to keeping kosher, a Jewish cookbook, a compendium on the Sabbath, and even translations of the famous "Overviews" of the Artscroll series on the five Megillahs are just a sampling of what is available, besides, of course, such standard items as translations of the siddur and Chumash and Russian *bentschers* (books containing "Grace after meals"). Cassette recordings are also sold, and audio-visual materials will soon be added.

Shoroshim is also the sole distributor in America of Russian-language Torah publications produced by Shvut Ami, a Jerusalem yeshiva and outreach program for Soviet Jews, and Geulim, another project in Israel, established to bring Soviet arrivals in touch with their heritage.

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Organizations and People

National Council of Jewish Women is again working with other Jewish agencies to help bring Passover food items into Jewish homes across Metro Toronto. Seen here working at a previous drive are (from left) Rochelle Reingold, Donna Zener, Phyllis Moss and Denise Bagley. [Graphic Artists photo]

NCJW's Passover Project to provide food to families

TORONTO —

Hundreds of Jews across Metropolitan Toronto will be able to celebrate a traditional Passover with dignity this year, thanks to the annual Passover Project sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section.

For the sixth consecutive year, NCJW is co-operating with the Jewish Family & Child Service, the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service and the Board of Jewish Education to identify and service families who need help in order to observe a kosher Passover.

Each receives one or more boxes of assorted Passover food items delivered to their doors on the Sunday before the holiday begins. Organizers stress the program is not intended to serve as a food bank, but as a means of allowing Jewish families to celebrate Passover regardless of their financial situation.

Not surprisingly, the current recession — coupled with an influx of refugees from the Soviet Union — has swelled the ranks of Toronto-area Jews in need. This year's list has grown to more than 800 families, who will require at least 1,000 food boxes, up considerably from last year's total of some 800 boxes delivered to 600 families.

Donations of kosher-for-Passover food and/or money with which to buy it are being solicited from NCJW members, Hebrew day school students, Canadian Jewish News subscribers (who have even been provided with brown bags in this issue for the purpose) and the public at large.

During the week of March 18, scores of volunteers at Council's Bathurst Street headquarters will sort, pack and label the boxes. Route maps will be drawn in preparation for delivery day on Sunday, March 24, beginning at 9 a.m.

Project organizers are eagerly seeking more community participation. If you can help, or would like more information, please call Council House at 633-5100, or simply drop by 4700 Bathurst St. on the morning of March 24 to volunteer your delivery services.

Ben-Gurion U. professor to lecture at Beth David

TORONTO —

Daniel Lasker, associate professor of Jewish thought at Ben Gurion University, Beersheba, will be the guest lecturer at the annual spring Leonard Wolinsky Lectures on Sunday, March 10, at 8 p.m. at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview.

Lasker will speak on When the Winners Write the History: A Case Study of the Karaites.

On March 11 at noon, Lasker will address a student and faculty audience at York University on the subject of Christianity As Seen Through Jewish Eyes. The lecture will be held at Vanier College's Senior Common Room at the university's Steeles Avenue Campus.

Both lectures are free to the public.

The Leonard Wolinsky Lectures on Jewish Life and Education are co-sponsored by York University's religious studies program and faculty of education and the Toronto Board of Jewish Education.

Prof. Daniel Lasker

Lasker, currently serving as visiting professor at Yeshiva University, New York City, where he is teaching courses in Jewish history and Hebrew literature, holds a Ph.D. degree from Brandeis University. He has taught at Kirkland College, Ohio State University, and the University of Texas at Austin.

During the 1989-90 academic year, Lasker was a Fellow at the prestigious Annenburg Research Institute in Philadelphia, and on an earlier sabbatical leave in 1983-84, taught at the University of Toronto.

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Religious leaders, volunteers show support for Israel

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
A high level inter-faith mission of 24 religious and lay community leaders left for Israel via El Al Feb. 25 to express solidarity with the people of Israel.

High-ranking representatives of Roman Catholic and Protestant denominations were in the group, along with rabbis and prominent lay leaders of the Jewish community. The group included men and women who have taken an active part for years in Christian-Jewish dialogue.

"This is really a miracle getting this group organized in less than two weeks," said Joanne Cothran, vice-president of Discovery Tours, who is heading the group. "This is truly a solidarity mission. It didn't come about after the peace stories started, it was organized while it was fire and brimstone in Israel."

Volunteers for Israel has received more inquiries from prospective volunteers since the war started than before, said co-ordinator Maureen Solomon. The Toronto office sent a group of 25 to Israel in February, ages ranging from 20 to 65. A group of 50 went in December.

"We're gearing up to send 150 on April 15, 100 from Toronto and 50 from Montreal," Solomon said.

Just back from a visit to Israel, Maxine Blendis, co-chairman of Amichai Canada, said immigrants are continuing to flow into the country. Volunteers are being trained to become leaders of the Ethiopian community and their training is partially financed by Amichai.

"Having recently been new immigrants themselves, the Ethiopian-born volunteers are also role models for the new arrivals, showing them that they too can play an important part in Israeli society," Blendis said.

Also just back from Israel, Harriet Morton, immediate past president of ORT, attended a meeting of the executive committee of World ORT Union (WOU).

She said a critical item on their agenda was the cost of repairs to war-damaged schools in Israel (more than $100,000 so far), plus the cost of taping all school windows with a special, chemically-treated tape. In addition there are high costs involved in taking Russian boys and girls into the schools, and for the training and retraining of Russian adults.

DEDICATED RUNNERS

The Edmonton-Tiberias running team participated in the 1990 Tiberias marathon held in Israel last December. The funds they raised were applied to a JNF project in Galil Canada 2000. Pictured (from left) are Hering, daughter Shelly, Chaim Hamborger, Alex Robson, Alex Pogrebinsky, Avi Isackson, Shirley Kushner and Alvin Goldsman.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, March 7 is deadline for March 21 issue and Thursday, March 14 is deadline for March 28 issue).

Thursday, March 7

PARTY FOR STARLIGHT

Get ready for some partying, cottage style, at The Copa Cottage Party '91 and help support the Starlight Foundation, an international charity which grants wishes to seriously ill children. On Thursday, March 7 at The Copa, 21 Scollard St. (just west of Yonge), top Toronto bands Backstreet and George Olliver, will be playing your favorite tunes, so come and dance the night away.

Tickets are $10 in advance or $12 at the door (all proceeds to Starlight) and include a chance to win a door prize including a mountain bike or a do-it-yourself cottage party kit. There will also be surprise celebrity guests mingling with the crowd.

Don't miss this chance to bring some cottage fun to the city and help make a child's special wish come true.

The Copa is at 21 Scollard St., just west of Yonge.

For more information, call 502-WISH.

DAVKA-INDEED-A JEWISH CAFE

Davka-Indeed-a Jewish Cafe, opens for the first time Thursday, March 7 at 7.30 p.m. and continues every Thursday night.

Opening night highlights **Steve Slutsky,** soulful klesmer and wildly romantic Russian, also International Women's Day poetry.

On Thursday March 14, **Lenka Lechtenberg** will perform Hebrew, Yiddish and original songs in English. On March 21, it will be **Justin Lewis/Jane Enkin,** with stories from **Y.L. Peretz** and songs of the era. On March 28, get set for Israeli Rock.

Beverages and "incredible desserts" are available.

The Cafe is located at 585 Bloor W. (at Markham), entrance via Sweet N' Deli.

To inquire further, call 461-6038.

Friday, March 8

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd., on Friday, March 8 from 2-3 p.m. The program will feature Jewish music, semi-classical music and dancing.

Sunday, March 10

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BROTHERHOOD

Peace in the Middle East will be the very timely topic when **Prof. David Goldberg** of York University, addresses Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood at breakfast on Sunday, March 10.

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9.30 and all are welcome.

FREE SCIENCE LECTURE

Peter M. Wright, department of engineering, University of Toronto, will provide an update on Canadian Engineering Education: Old Images, New Approaches, Sunday, March 10 in the J.J.R. Macleod Auditorium, Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle, U. of T.

This free lecture is sponsored by the Royal Canadian Institute. Call 928-2096 for information.

HOLY BLOSSOM BREAKFAST CLUB

Holy Blossom Brotherhood Breakfast Club invites you to hear **Michael Cole** review the autobiography, *Sunday Nights at Seven: Memoirs and Memories of Jack Benny.*

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast 9.30 and everyone is welcome.

NATURAL HYGIENE FAIR

Your Health, Your Planet, is a day-long Fair under the auspices of The Canadian Natural Hygiene Society, Toronto Chapter, with workshops, speakers, demonstrations, books and food, Sunday, March 10. It takes place at the Toronto Board of Education Building, sixth floor auditorium, 155 College St., corner of McCaul. Doors open 9.15 a.m. and programs continue from 10 a.m.-4.30 p.m.

A featured lecturer, **Dr. R. Michael Klaper,** author of *Vegan Nutrition: Pure and Simple,* and *Pregnancy, Children and the Vegan Diet,* will offer a Prescription for Survival - how people can improve their health and the environment - with slide presentation at 11 a.m.

General admission is $10, $8 members, $5 seniors and students (with I.D. card), cost to cover lectures only; admission to show area is free.

For more details, call 781-0359.

BETH TZEDEC PRESENTS

Beth Tzedec Congregation, Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library, 1700 Bathurst St., presents Jewish Tradition as a Living Source of Poetry and Music, 2 p.m., Sunday, March 10. **Dr. Morton Manilla** will explore Creative Freedom and Biblical Inspiration and **Cantor Paul Kowarsky** will discuss Interpretation of Prayer through Music.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Monday, March 11

PHILATELISTS' MEETING

Canadian Association for Israel Philately, incorporating the Jan Bart Judaica Study Group, welcomes philatelists of all interests to its program, 7.30 p.m. Monday, March 11, at the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

Debbie Adams, a Toronto graphic artist who designed the 1990 Canada Post stamp commemorating International Literacy Year, will explain the concept of creating the stamp with the sentiment that literacy leads to freedom.

The group is also looking for new members and guest speakers to present topics of interest and/or to show aspects of their collections. Contact **Alvin Dickstein,** 586-6217 weekdays, or **Hartley Gershowitz,** 665-3555 days, 731-9268 evenings.

JEWISH DIABETES CHAPTER

To Your Health Pesach and All Year, will be the focus when Mt. Sinai Hospital dietitian/nutrionist **Frances Berkoff** addresses a meeting of the Jewish Diabetes Chapter, 8 p.m. Monday, March 11, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. W. There will also be a Passover Demonstration with **Esther Schwarz,** kosher food consultant with Toronto Jewish Congress.

Passover recipes for diabetics are to be available at the meeting.

Everyone is welcome. For further information contact **Esther Schwartz,** 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt,** 225-1989.

JEWISH STUDENT FEDERATION

Food and Thought Mondays mean free bagels and cream cheese plus interesting speakers. These are slated for noon in the JSF portable on the York University campus.

On Monday, March 11, **Shaul Yedkewitz,** of the Kabbalah Research Centre, provides An Introduction to Kabbalah.

JOINT ADULT STUDY SERIES

Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations continue their joint adult education series on the History of Zionism. From Balfour to the Intifada - The Dream and the Reality, with **Prof. Arnold Ages.** Next lecture is 8 p.m., Monday, March 11 at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomens Rd.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents Why Breastfeed Your Baby?, the first in its series of four monthly meetings. The group will be discussing the advantages of breastfeeding and current scientific discoveries about breast milk. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome. This meeting is 8 p.m. Monday, March 11 at 211 Winding Lane, Thornhill.

For further information, phone **Ruth, 736-1758, Joyce,** 881-8779 or **Karen,** 221-7002.

MONDAY MAGIC

Come out, listen to interesting speakers, share coffee and experiences with other mothers of young children. Monday MAGIC (Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy) meets on Monday mornings from 9.30-11.30 a.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Babysitting is available with mature, caring and experienced sitters.

The next meeting is Monday, March 11.

For additional details, call **Sharon** at 783-7726.

CLINICAL DEPRESSION SUPPORT

Are you suffering from clinical depression associated with obesity or do you know someone who is? If you want to meet people who are coping with the same problems, come to meetings of a new group formed to support you.

The next meeting is 7.30 p.m. Monday, March 11 at the Self-Help Clearinghouse, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Suite 211 (Eglinton and Yonge area).

For more information, leave a message for **Avril** or **Jennifer** at 487-4355.

Tuesday, March 12

EZRATH NASHIM CONCERT

Toronto Friends of Ezrath Nashim Sarah Herzog Memorial Hospital in Jerusalem, are planning An Evening of Fine Music featuring lyric soprano **Rosemarie R. Danziger,** oboist **Senia Trubashnik,** pianists **Natalya Tyomkina** and **Shaya Petroff,** 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at, Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

At this event, Ezrath Nashim will honor **Rabbi Erwin Schild,** who was responsible for the creation of its Toronto chapter.

Tickets, $18, can be purchased at Aleph Bet Judaica Inc., 3453 Bathurst St., Israel's The Judaica Centre, 441 Clark Ave., Matana Judaica, 404 Steeles Ave. W. Unit 8 and The Negev Bookstore, 3509 Bathurst St. Student, senior and group incentives are available. For information, call 733-8657 or 223-9004.

Proceeds will be directed toward war preparation expenses, medical equipment and Alzheimer research.

JEWISH MUSIC SOCIETY

The EHKO Trio, with pianist **Andrew Burashko,** violinist **Hibiki Kobayashi** and cellist **Orly Bitov,** will perform music by **Dmitri Shostakovich** and Jewish composers at a concert presented by the Jewish Music Society of Toronto, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, in the Royal Conservatory of Music Concert Hall, 273 Bloor St. W.

Andrew Burashko, leader of the trio, has performed with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and the Toronto Symphony. Hibiki Kobayashi, who is from Japan, speaks fluent Hebrew. Orly Bitov is Israeli born. He and Kobayashi first met in Israel.

Tickets for the concert are on sale at the Conservatory box office, 978-5470, the Symphony Shoppe, 3523 Bathurst St., 789-0189, **Pauline Pont,** 4600 Bathurst St. fifth floor, Lipa Green Building, 635-2883, or at the door. Admission is $15 with a 20 per cent student and senior discount.

Wednesday, March 13

FREE TEEN FILM

It's a lean, mean monster machine, it's ...THE THING (From Another World), an 80 minute science-fiction 1951 horror classic starring **Kenneth Tobey, Margaret Sheridan and James Arness** at Wychwood Library, 1431 Bathurst St., 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 13. See also, on the same program, humorous "horror" shorts, Chicken Thing (1985, 12 minutes) and Dr. Climax (1975, 3 minutes).

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework of Toronto, invites you to a meeting, Piecing Magic, with **Sheila Birenbaum,** 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

For information call **Evelyn Jacobs,** 731-6160.

KARMIEL CHAPTER, ORT

Karmiel Chapter of Toronto ORT will hold a general meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13.

For further information, call **Arlene Engelberg** at 443-8919.

U OF T JEWISH STUDIES

University of Toronto Jewish Studies Program, features **Prof. Kenneth R. Stow,** professor of Jewish history at the University of Haifa and author of The 1007 Anonymous and Papal Sovereignty: Jewish Perceptions of the Papacy and Papal Policy in the Middle Ages, who will discuss Turning Point or Continuity: The Jewry Policy of the Thirteenth Century Church, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 13. This lecture takes place in Room 205, Faculty of Library and Information Science, 140 St. George St.

An afternoon seminar, The Consciousness of Closure: Sixtus V and the Roman "Ghet," is scheduled for 2 p.m. the same day in Room 240, University College, 15 King's College Circle.

Members of the staff, students and the public are cordially invited to the lecture and seminar.

SPANISH JEWRY

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Adult Education Lecture Series zeroes in on Spanish Jewry with **Rabbi Barry Schneider,** three Wednesday evenings, 8-9.30 p.m. in the board room, 100 Elder St.

This is the continuation of a very successful fall series which explored the origins of Catholic Spain. It deals in depth with the beginning of Moslem rule, 711 C.E., and the origins of the social, political, religious, cultural and economic life of the Jewish people in Spain.

The next meeting is at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 13 and everyone is welcome.

Thursday, March 14

McCORMACK AT CANADIAN CLUB

Chief William J. McCormack, Metropolitan Toronto Police Force, will be the guest speaker at a luncheon meeting of The Women's Canadian Club of Toronto, 12.30 p.m. Thursday, March 14 in the Dominion Ballroom of The Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen St. W.

Tickets are $24 for members, $28 non-members.

For details, call 923-2900.

FOREST HILL LIBRARY

On Thursday, March 14 at 1.30 p.m., the films *Jet Set Wildlife, Gurdeep Singh Bains* and *Inuit Kids,* will be screened at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W.

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DRAW WINNERS

Pictured with Jill Goldberg (third from right), New Leadership, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University Travel Draw Extravaganza co-chairman, are some winners of the recent event. From left: Lorne Lipkus, Alan Siegal, Andrea Bronstein, Allan Bronstein, Barry Bank and Donna Bank.

The draw raised funds for the Haematology Exchange Program between the University of Toronto and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The party to be held with the Draw was cancelled due to happenings in Israel.

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AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

NEWMARKET JEWISH COMMUNITY

Jewish families in the Newmarket and surrounding areas, who are interested in forming a local and active Jewish community, contact **Ava** at 853-5153 or **Wendy,** 853-6996.

SEDER FOR AIDS

Holy Blossom Temple's AIDS Committee and Brotherhood invite PWA's and people who are HIV positive, their friends, lovers, families and caregivers to participate in a Seder for AIDS. It will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, at 519 Church St., auditorium, second floor.

RSVP is a must by March 22. There is no charge. For reservations and further information, call in confidence to **Cindy Hershon/Zackon** at 789-3291.

TIKVAH TOTS

Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., is accepting spring registration for its TIKVAH TOTS pre-school program. TIKVAH TOTS is a creative playgroup for mothers and young children (1-3 years), combining music, crafts and games. Hebrew songs and Jewish customs will be emphasized. The program takes place Tuesday mornings from 9.30-11.30. The spring session runs from Tuesday, April 9 until June 11.

Advance registration is necessary and class size will be limited. For more information, call the Beth Tikvah Youth office at 221-8994 and ask for terri.

WINTER BREAK AT KORTRIGHT

Kortright Centre for Conservation, 5 Shoreham Dr. in Downsview, offers an entire week of family programs during the winter school break, March 11-15. Included are: Go Fly a Kite Workshop, at noon — buy a kite and make your own durable Tyvek kite; Water Magic, 2 p.m. the Water Wizard will astound you with the magical properties of water; Maple Syrup, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. — visit the pioneer and modern demonstrations of maple syrup collecting and making. And, there are horse-drawn wagon rides!

For more details call 832-2289.

SPRING FASHION SHOW

Plan to attend SPRING '91, a fashion show sponsored by Associated Hebrew Schools' Parents' Association, featuring fashions by **Wendy Cherry** and hats by **Suru's Hat Boutique,** 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. There will be boutique shopping before and after the show.

Refreshments will be served.

Ticket prices are $18, $36 sponsors and $54 benefactors. For ticket information, call **Gloria,** 446-1525.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Hey kids! If you're between four and ten years of age, this is for you. The York Symphony Youth Orchestra and the York Symphony Orchestra will be featured in a concert at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, in the Toronto Waldorf School, 9100 Bathurst St., Thornhill.

Experience the sound and excitement of a full symphony orchestra performing some of the world's best loved music. Each concert lasts about 45 minutes, so you won't keep the adults out too late. Admission is $3 per child and you can bring an adult or two free.

Telephone 881-2886.

WAR - A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation adult education committee and Ohr Somayach/Jewish Education Project, invite you to hear **Rabbi Nathan Lopes-Cardozo,** senior lecturer, Ohr Somayach, Jerusalem, who will speak on The World Goes To War: A Biblical Perspective, 8.30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Refreshments will follow.

Admission is $10 adults, $6.50 students.

For further information, call **Sharon,** 785-5899.

LOONIES FOR LEUKEMIA

Do your part to close in on a killer - leukemia. From March 11 to March 30, the people of Metro Toronto will be asked to "Leave Us Your Loonies."

Every branch of the Bank of Montreal and all Shoppers Drug Marts will be participating in this urgent appeal.

Intense research into leukemia and related blood diseases has dramatically improved the survival rate, but the battle continues.

The much maligned looney, often considered a cumbersome nuisance, has lifesaving potential. Open your hearts and lighten your pockets and purses at your local Shoppers Drug Mart or Bank of Montreal, March 11-30. Each coin can bring us closer to a cure.

STUDENT DANCE

A student dance, co-sponsored by Jewish Student Federation, Jewish Student Union/Hillel, Jewish Student Council and UJA Operation Exodus on campus, is all set for 8.30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, in the Trillium Room, Ontario Place.

Free parking is available and there will be a cash bar.

Tickets are $10 in advance, $12 at the door.

For more information, call 736-5173.

BETH TZEDEC STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon Committee in conjunction with the Men's Club, will gather at noon, Saturday, March 16, following morning services. Guest speaker, psychiatrist **Dr. David Magder,** will examine Family Life as Reflected in Modern Concepts of God.

Reservations (paid) should be made no later than Tuesday, March 12. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Phone the office at 781-3511.

CAFE & GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS

The Women's Auxiliary at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, 3560 Bathurst St., is looking for volunteers to assist in the Cafe and Gift Shop.

Volunteers in the Cafe will assist with cleaning, operating the cash register, preparing and serving food.

Volunteers in the Gift Shop will assist with cleaning, serving customers and operating the cash register.

For more information, please contact the Volunteer Department at 785-2850.

WEEKEND RETREAT

On some days now, there's a hint of spring in the air. It's time to look ahead. Shaarei Shomayim Congregation is planning its 10th annual weekend retreat, Friday, June 14-June 16, at Maple Lake Resort and Convention Centre, Parry Sound. Guest speaker will be **Rabbi Morton Green** of Adas Israel Congregation, Hamilton.

Early Bird special, paid in full reservations by April 15, is $195 plus GST (add $5 per person for non-members). Cost after that date is $220 or $225 per person, depending on accommodation. Children under 12 years, $100, under 3, free.

Reserve early as space is limited.

For complete details and/or to reserve, call **Laura** at the shul office, 789-3213.

BLOCK PARENT ASSOCIATION

South-East Vaughan Block Parent Association will hold its first meeting Monday, March 18 at 8 p.m., in St. Elizabeth High School, 525 New Westminster Dr., Thornhill.

All area residents are encouraged to attend. (Boundaries are north of Steeles Ave., south of Major Mackenzie Dr., west of Yonge St., east of Hwy. 400).

To inquire further, call 881-2600.

VOLUNTEER FOR GRACE HOSPITAL

Toronto Grace Hospital, Bloor and Church, is in urgent need of daytime volunteers to assist in its chronic care units. Training will be provided. This is an opportunity to work in a friendly, caring environment.

Please call **925-2251, ext. 256/K7.**

TEL-AIDE JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Are you lonely? Did a relationship just break up? Trouble at work? Perhaps a Tel-Aide volunteer could be a friend for a while.

Sensitive listeners are available to listen at Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line, 636-9610. All Tel-Aide volunteers have taken an extensive training course, and are well qualified to listen. Tel-Aide is a program of the Toronto Jewish Congress.

SPRING MEETING & STUDY DAY

Ontario Branch, Women's League of Conservative Judaism, plans a Study Day - The Five Senses of Pesach, 9.15 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, at Shaareh Haim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave. at Weldrick, in Richmond Hill. Please bring your own Haggadas.

Speakers will be **Ruth Kelman** of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, **Rabbi Steven Saltzman** of Adath Israel Congregation and **Srul Irving Glick** of Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Cost, $15, includes luncheon and coffee.

A bus will be available at 8.45 a.m. from Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. ($3 by reservation).

Babysitting is also available by reservation.

RSVP BY March 14 for any or all of the above to **Molly,** 636-7733 or **Sophie,** 633-8927.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors are wanted to display your unique gifts, kosher food products, sportswear and equipment, kosher health products - at a Food, Fun and Fitness Show, to be held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., Tuesday, May 21.

Interested persons can contact **Doreen,** 223-0672 or **Renee,** 225-6600.

MUSICAL PROGRAM & LUNCHEON

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood will have a Purim Musical Program and Luncheon, with pianist **Lola Juliette Burns** and singer, **Lyllian Keltz,** 12.30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 at the shul, 470 Glencairn Ave.

To reserve, call **Ruth,** 731-6660.

BREAST SCREENING

The recently opened North York Women's Screening Centre at 100 Sheppard Ave. E., Suite 140, offers a program for women aged 50 and over, to be screened every two years.

Breast screening takes about 30 minutes and involves physical examination of the breast and mammography (low dose x-ray of the breast). Women may refer themselves or be referred by a doctor for this free service.

For an appointment, women aged 50 and over may contact North York Women's Screening Centre at 512-0601.

Scarborough Women's Screening Centre is located at 10 Milner Business Court, Suite 103, Markham Rd. north of 401, telephone 298-2626.

BRUNCH TIME SHIUR

Ohr Somayach Thornhill, The Jewish Education Program, Women's Studies welcomes you to its Brunch Time Shiur, The Whys of Wherefore, every Monday morning, 10-11.30 a.m. in the Library, Ohr Somayach Wing, 613 Clark Ave. W.

Cost is $3. Babysitting is available.

Pre-registration is required. For further information, call 886-5730.

THE PESACH ORGANIZER

Are you worried about Pesach, the kitchen and house cleaning? The Pesach Organizer, a special

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BUDGET PLANNING

Seen here discussing budget and fiscal expectations for the fundraising year 1991 ORT campaign are (from left), executive members, Kathleen Crook, acting president of Toronto ORT; Sally Weidman, immediate past president of Toronto ORT Region; Marilyn Somers, committee chairman; Brigitte Bass, region treasurer.

STUDENT AID

Students at the Bialik Day School, who have always supported efforts on behalf of Israel, realize that at this time, the needs are particularly urgent and have undertaken special projects to raise additional money and help equip an ambulance for Tel Aviv. Hy Fogelman, Ontario director of Kupat Holim and Amal, presents a commemorative plaque to the school. Accepting on behalf of the Bialik Day School are (from left) Jodi Kovitz, Cara Greenberg and Sara Rosen.

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shiur to assuage the headaches of Pesach will be given by **Rabbi Baruch Taub,** at an afternoon Tea from 2-3 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. Pool your ideas of helpful household hints to help relieve Pesach tensions.

Babysitting is available. For more information, call 886-5730.

Pre-registration is required. Call 886-5730.

PROJECT CLOTHESLINE

Project Clothesline, the appeal for good used (or new) clothing to share with Russian and Ethiopian olim arriving in Israel, is growing.

The response has been wonderful, but the need continues.

Volunteers sort and pack the clothing which is brought to 70 Wingold Ave. (entry from west side door) and then shipped to Israel for distribution, free of charge, by the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO). Volunteers also pick up clothing if you are unable to deliver it. Additional volunteers are needed for this pick-up. Please phone 223-0630 days, or 882-2392, evenings.

DEPRESSION SUPPORT

Depression Support and Mutual Aid is a support group for people experiencing or recovering from depression. Ease your isolation, feel less hopeless and cope better by joining others who share your problem. Help yourself by getting a little help from your friends. Meetings are on Wednesdays.

For more information, contact **Rosalyn** at 789-7957.

RESTORING YOUR HOME

Restoring Your Own Home is one of The Ontario Historical Society's most popular workshops. This program, hosted by the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, located on the grounds of the Hamilton Civic Airport, is on Wednesday, April 10 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Workshop leader **Ian K. Woods** of I.K. Woods and Partners Inc., Chartered Surveyors, Markham, will explain how to deal with the practical and technical problems associated with restoring an older home.

Registration fee is $10 for members of either co-sponsor, $20 non-members. The fee does not include lunch. Registration deadline is Friday, April 5.

For further information, contact **Lorraine Lowry,** The Ontario Historical Society, 5151 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ont., M2N 5P5, phone 226-9011 or **Rob Schweyer,** Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, Hamilton Civic Airport, Box 35, Mount Hope, Ont., L0R 1W0 (416) 679-4183.

PASSOVER MEALS FOR SENIORS

Once again, the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is offering kosher for Passover meals to seniors who are in long term care facilities.

Each meal costs $5 and must be ordered before Friday, March 15.

To order meals, or for more information, call **Paula Ruch,** 225-2112.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

In order to meet the needs of a modern Jewish family in a fast-paced and changing society, Jewish Family and Child Service is organizing the following Family Life Workshops:

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Parenting the Young Child — A group of parents will discuss such issues as effective disciplining, setting limits, role expectations and how to have fun and parent at the same time (beginning March 12 for six weeks).

Widows Group — This group will discuss coping with grief, living alone, and changing relationships.

Anyone interested in participating in these programs or in working with the Family Life Education Department to plan your own programs, call **Pat,** 638-7800, ext. 215.

EDUCATION & LITERACY

Illiteracy, it is said, affects more Canadians in more ways than any other social illness. On Thursday March 21 and Friday, March 22, at Inn on the Park, Leslie Ave. and Eglinton E., the Learning Disabilities Association holds its annual conference, focusing this year on Education and Literacy: Learning at Any Stage.

To inquire further, call **Mary Gayle Goeble,** 229-1680.

at the JCC

Senior Adult Services at the JCC North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., invites you to a luncheon with entertaiment by **Fern Dworkin,** who sings in Hebrew, Yiddish, French and English, 12.30 p.m., Tuesday, March 12.

North East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge every Monday evening, 7.30-11. Cost is $3 per session. This is for members. A special seminar with **Ken Murray** starts at 7 p.m.

The North East Valley Branch Singles Network, 7015 Leslie St., is holding the first night Passover seder on Friday March 29 at 7 p.m. Cost is $28 per adult, $19 (under 16). Reservations and payment must be in by Wednesday, March 27. Call **Luni,** 889-0813 for more information.

Registration for the Valley junior summer program, offering tennis and swim lessons and more, for 5-12 year olds, is now taking place. Sessions are two weeks each, starting July 2. Call **Luni,** 889-0813 for details.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline, 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

for seniors

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club meets 1 p.m., Sunday, March 10 at the shul, 100 Elder St. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome. Cost is $1 for members, $2 visitors.

The 1991 executive committee for Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club is **Manning Shore,** president, **Ruth Swern,** vice-president, **Boris Coopersmith,** recording secretary, **Pearl Bornstein,** treasurer, **Lou Gottleib,** financial secretary and **Bess Coopersmith,** publicity.

The **Labor Zionist Association Senior Citizens Club** at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., is resuming major activities for the spring. Cards, chess and light lunches have continued through the winter and now plans are underway for the new season. Tuesday morning Cultural and Discussion Group starts 10 a.m., March 19, with an interesting Yiddish discussion over refreshments. The opening monthly lunch meeting is at 11.30 a.m. Wednesday, March 20. A Third Seder is scheduled for Sunday, March 31. Other plans are for a performance of *Carousel* at Stratford, the Seniors Jubilee and more. For details, call 633-8759.

Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement meets on alternate Wednesdays at noon. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The next meeting, on March 20, will feature **Rabbi Sharon L. Sobel** assistant rabbi at Holy Blossom, who will discuss Medical Ethics. Call **Tera** at 789-3291 for information, if you can offer transportation to someone, or if you need transportation. **Senior Sinais Golden Book** is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions, go to Kibbutz Yahal, Israel. Place your order with **Frances Malkin,** 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein,** 630-3862, between 7 and 9 p.m.

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Bloor Y Branch, offers many exciting seniors' programs. Included are dancing, knitting, bridge, fitness and much more. To find out about these and other programs, call **Nurit** at 924-6211, ext. 36.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club 470 Glencairn Ave., looks forward to several outings in the months ahead. Included are the ballet, *Sleeping Beauty*, on May 14 at the O'Keefe Centre and a two-week trip to Switzerland with kosher hotels, May 28-June 11. As well, there are trips to Art Park for *South Pacific*, June 26, *Funny Girl*, July 25, *Man of La Mancha*, Aug 7; and at Stratford, *School for Wives*, Sept 19 and *Carousel*, Oct. 30. These are all matinees. Registration for the summer programs takes place at the shul. See **Ruth,** Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bridge begins again in the spring.

The Friendship Club at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., features seniors' activities such as bridge and more, Mondays and Tuesdays, noon-5 p.m. Call 393-7706 for additional information.

The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. On March 13 there will be a social gathering and bingo.

Senior Adult Services, North Y Branch, JCC, is arranging a trip to Ottawa, May 7-9. Cruise on the Rideau Canal, visit the parliament buildings, National Gallery, Cineplus, the Museum of Civilization and more. For information, call **Teme Kernerman,** 636-1880, ext. 364.

Earl Bales Seniors Club, Sheppard and Bathurst, holds a dance every Saturday evening from 7.30-10.30 in the clubhouse. There is no charge for members, non-members $1. Ongoing activities offered in conjunction with the North York Board of Education include bridge, ballroom and line dancing and fitness. Other activities are shuffleboard and woodwork crafts. Dance to the music of a live band 7.30-10.30 p.m., Sunday, March 17 at the community centre in the park. Cost is $3 for members, $4 non-members. There will be a movie in the clubhouse at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 20. Book now to avoid disappointment, for a trip to Buffalo, Tuesday, April 30. Cost, $20 per person, includes visits to places of interest plus a full-course kosher dinner. This trip is for members only. For further information, call the office, 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

At the **Wagman Centre,** 55 Ameer Ave., play bingo in the Common room, 1.30-3 p.m. Sunday, March 10. On Tuesday, March 12, from 7.30-8.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room, **Naomi Bell** will offer Songs from the Shtetl to America.

Here's a reminder that seniors in North York can order take-out kosher meals from the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For only $6.25 (except Friday when dinner is $8.25) you can have a full home-cooked meal. Meals can be prepared salt-free, bland, diabetic or regular. To order your meal, purchase your ticket at the Wagman Centre and bring it to the Food Services office. Meal tickets must be purchased one day in advance. In addition, take-out frozen entree meals, soups in two-litre containers and kugels (potato and noodle) are available. Just come and pick them up.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The centre will be offering kosher-for-Passover meals to seniors who are in long term care facilities. Each meal will cost $5 and must be ordered before Friday, March 15. If you would like to order meals, or require more information, call **Paula Ruch** at 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and single, meets at the Centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. on March 7, **Mark deHart** will provide information on a financial portfolio for seniors. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is $1 and refreshments are served.

Dance to the exciting music of the Creative band, 7.30-10.30 p.m. Sunday, March 10. Members $3, non-members $3.50.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Helen Issenberg** at 225-2112.

The La'Briyut Wellness Centre continues with another session of its Be Good to Your Heart program, 10-11.30 a.m., Wednesday, March 13. To inquire further, call **Sandra,** 225-2112 or visit the Wellness Centre at the Bernard Betel.

About People

EDUCATOR'S AWARD TO NUSSBAUM

Dr. Aaron M. Nussbaum, educational director of the United Synagogue Day School, in Toronto, is the recipient of the Behrman House Jewish Educators Assembly Award for Lifetime Achievement in Jewish Education, to be presented in early March at the annual convention of the JEA in Stamford, Conn.

Aaron M. Nussbaum

A graduate of City College, New York, Dr. Nussbaum completed his religious education at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America where he earned his doctorate in Hebrew Letters. A resident of Toronto for the past 30 years, he developed Beth Tzedec Congregation's early concept for a Conservative day school into the present United Synagogue Day School.

Non-judgmental of students' backgrounds, his goal is to provide new vistas for Jewish learning.

Throughout his career, Nussbaum has enhanced the role and status of the Jewish educator. He is past president of the Toronto Day School Principals Association, the Association of Day School Administrators and the International Jewish Educators Assembly.

He is a lecturer in Jewish history, philosophy and rabbinic literature at the Toronto Hebrew Teachers College-Midrasha Lamorim and in Jewish history at York University. During his sabbatical year, he taught at the School of Education and Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan.

Nussbaum and his wife, **Esther**, have three children and four grandchildren.

FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Three Canadians are among the 27 students from Canada and the United States to receive fellowships and scholarships to pursue advanced Jewish studies at Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School in New York.

Jeffrey Mandin of Calgary, received a scholarship. **Stephen Harris,** Downsview, was awarded both a fellowship and scholarship and **Maury Kelman** received a scholarship.

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PRIDE OF ISRAEL INSTALLATION

Saluted at the Pride of Israel Temple 1991 Installation of officers are Temple chairman, Alan Marks (extreme right), vice-chairmen Howard Stone (centre) and Edwin Sokoloff.

BETH SHOLOM NURSERY

Beth Sholom Playtime Nursery is operating now in its bright and attractive new quarters provided after major renovations at the shul, 1441 Eglinton Ave. W. Parents interested in obtaining an application for the 1991-1992 session should call the Beth Sholom Synagogue office at 783-6103.

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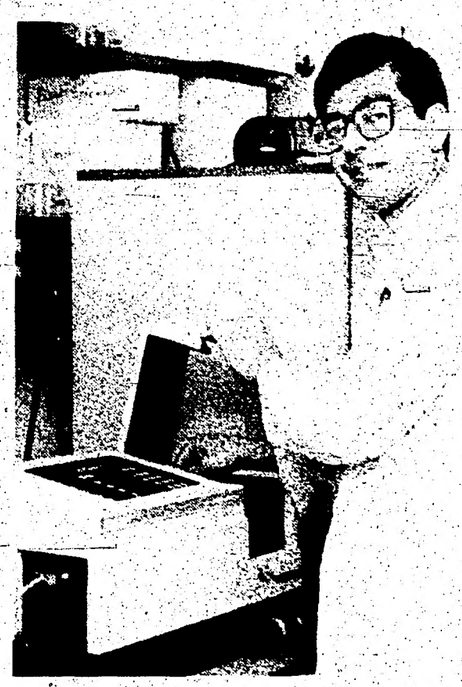

ORDER OF CANADA

Dr. Paul Walfish, a clinical endocrinologist at Mount Sinai Hospital has been appointed to the Order of Canada in recognition of his considerable research in the diagnosis and treatment of thyroid disorders. A graduate of the University of Toronto, Dr. Walfish, 56, has been an academic full-time physician in the U of T's department of medicine and at Mount Sinai since 1964. He also directed the endocrine division at Mount Sinai for 18 years until 1989.

He introduced screening tests for detecting newborns with underactive thyroids. This condition, if not recognized, results in mental retardation. With assistance from the Hospital for Sick Children and the Ministry of Health, Dr. Walfish's team instituted a province-wide screening program in 1978. Now, 30 to 40 infants per year are saved from this cause of mental retardation through very early diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Walfish was the first North American scientist to recognize post-partum thyroid dysfunction due to an inflammatory destruction of thyroid gland tissue. Post-partum thyroiditis apparently affects three to five per cent of mothers screened at Mt. Sinai. He has also contributed to an understanding of other autoimmune thyroid diseases.

Dr. Walfish emphasizes that the Order of Canada is "not only for myself but for all the people and institutions who have supported my efforts." In 1989 he gave up directorship of Mt. Sinai's endocrine division to devote more time to research as principal investigator in the hospital's Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Beth Tikvah Singles (35-55) invites you to a Cabaret Evening with **"Tsufit"**. Saturday, March 9. Call 882-9057 or 491-9756 for more information.
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Atideynu Lodge (Singles Co-ed 20's & 30's). Upcoming events: Tuesday, March 12, General Meeting, 7:30pm. 15 Hove Street, Main Auditorium. Speaker; Debbie Cowitz, Jewish Dateline. Topic; "Lovers and Other Strangers". Cover; Members $2.00, Non-members $5.00. Contact Robert Gordon, 486-1865. 3828

Toronto's Orthodox Singles Inc. presents **Passover in Vermont**(March 29-April 7) or partial stays. For more information contact Sharon Ganz, 785-0761. 3979

Adath Israel Singles (30-50 Years) upcoming events: **Sunday Brunch**on March 10, 1991. Topic: **Stress Management with Edna Levitt-Family Life Educator**. Cost is $15.00. Prepaid reservations in person or by mail to Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Avenue, Downsview, Ontario, M3H 1A4 by Monday, March 4, 1991. For more information, please call the synagogue office or speak with Rabbi Sheldon Korn. 635-5340. 3786

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Singles Night at **Pete and Marty's**. 160 Eglinton Avenue East (East of Yonge). Sunday, March 10. 8:00pm. Cover $10.00. For more information call 222-7111. 3922

"Bring message of hope"

Sister leads inter-faith mission to Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN
TORONTO —

"When God wants you to do something, God will open doors."

As a member of the Catholic Sisters of Zion order, Sister Jocelyn Monette believes the rapid success she experienced in promoting a recent solidarity mission to Israel can be traced back to a little help from above.

It was only a few weeks ago, she recalled, that she returned from a visit to the Holy Land after leading a Catholic group on a visit. But with the onset of the war in the Persian Gulf, her concern for the welfare of the people of Israel was spurred and she began spreading word that it was again time to show support for Israelis living in troubled times.

Her suggestion was a spark that caught fire among Torontonians involved in interfaith dialogue, and last week, a group of 24 people — Catholics, Jews and Protestants — boarded an El Al flight for a one-week mission to Israel.

"It's easy to support Israel in peaceful times," Sister Jocelyn said. "But when the crunch is on, where are the people?"

For her, the groups' visit to Israel is "a solidarity mission to bring a message of hope, to let people know we're thinking of them and praying for them."

Among the 24 visitors flying to Israel was Manuel Prutschi, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress and a member of the board of Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto. Prutschi said the group's itinerary includes visits with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and Zvi Bari, his counterpart from Ramat Gan.

The group is also scheduled to meet a number of religious figures in Israel, were to have visited Yad Vashem, be briefed by a representative of the Foreign Ministry and attend services at the Great Synagogue in Jerusalem to hear the reading of the Purim Megillah.

Prutschi said discussions with Montreal Prof. Irwin Cotler, on sabbatical in Israel, and with Avinoam Bar-Yosef, a senior political correpsondent for the Ma'ariv newspaper, are also on the agenda.

The group were to have visited Neve Shalom, a settlement near Latrun founded by Bruno Hussar, a Dominican friar, in which Jews, Muslims and Christians live together in an attempt to show the groups can co-exist in harmony.

Last week's trip to Israel was certainly not a new experience for Sister Jocelyn — she leads Catholic groups on visits there an average of three or four times a year.

And she lived in Israel for six years while studying history, archeology and geography at the Hebrew Union College, the Hebrew University and the American Institute.

This current visit allows her and others to show "there's a love of the Jewish people which is rooted in the love of Jesus for his people," she said.

Altogether 13 members of the United Church, five Catholics and six Jews made the trip.

Among the participants were Rabbi Morton Green and his wife Sylvia, of the Adas Israel Congregation in Hamilton; Harvey Freeman, of Toronto's Darchei Noam Synagogue; Lilly Greenwall of Adas Israel Congregation; the Right Rev. Petro Bilaniuk of the Ukrainian Catholic eparchy; Rev. Bruce McLeod, a former Moderator of the United Church of Canada; Rev. Hans Skoutajan, a former president of the United Church's Toronto Conference; Rev. Gordon Nodewell, immediate past chairman of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto; and Fredelle Brief, of Toronto's Adas Israel Synagogue and a past president of the World Conference on Religion for Peace.

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Beit Halochem chapter aids disabled Israeli veterans

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —
Beit Halochem Canada (BHC) — which supports rehabilitation programs for the Israel Defence Force's 38,000 disabled veterans — is unique among the myriad Israel-based fund-raising groups in Canada, says spokesman Ayela Karen.

In addition to its mainstream and young leadership divisions, which parallel the structure of many local fund-raising organizations, she proudly points out that BHC has succeeded in creating a flourishing chapter among Toronto's 30,000-strong community of Israeli ex-patriates.

The Jerusalem Chapter, as it is known, was founded by Yael Elnekave and Hannah Sargon in 1988 after Sargon's cousin, a disabled IDF vet, urged her to meet Berny Weinstein of Toronto, who founded BHC a decade earlier.

Today the Hebrew-speaking group meets monthly and holds an annual Israeli film night at the Ontario Sience Centre, and engages in other fund-raising work.

"The (IDF) disabled touch every single Israeli here," Sargon explained. "We feel for the first time we're making a contribution to the Diaspora and to Israel."

Karen, the group's current president, stressed the excellent relationship between the Canadian and Israeli chapters here.

Weinstein's original goal was to bring over disabled vets for holidays and have them stay with local families. To date, over 200 such visits have taken place, leading to many lasting friendships and reciprocal visits.

The trips are sponsored by various synagogues in Toronto and Montreal. This year's visits in June are being hosted by Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto and Beth Tikvah. As well, five wheelchair-bound vets are coming over in October.

In 1988, BHC expanded its relationship with *Irgun Nachei Zahal* (the Israel Defence Force Disabled Veterans Organization) beyond the home visits program, and began fund raising to support the voluntary group's rehabilitation, sports and recreation centres.

Such facilities, called *Beit Halochem* (the fighter's house) have been built in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

BHC's first major commitment — for $400,000 — was to build a retractable roof over the swimming pool of the Tel Aviv centre, allowing for year-round aquatic exercise and physiotherapy.

The roof was in place last fall. Now BHC has taken on an even more ambitious project — to provide the soon-to-be-built Jerusalem Beit Halochem with its crucially needed sports, social-rehabilitation and physio- and hydrotherapy equipment.

A ground breaking ceremony for the 5,300 square meter complex, located in the Refaim Valley between the suburbs of Gilo and Kiryat Hayovel, will be held on May 15.

The multi-purpose facility will serve the 4,500 IDF disabled vets in the capital.

For further information call (416) 630-4031.

Sports therapy is an integral part of the rehabilitation of the IDF's 38,000 disabled vets. Funds are being raised for the Jerusalem Beit Halochem.

BGU honors Soviet scholar

TORONTO —
Ben-Gurion University Prof. Dimitri Golenko-Ginzburg is the future incumbent of the Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut Chair — the first academic chair in Israel for a newly immigrated Soviet scholar. The announcement was made by Aly Larson, president of Toronto Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

The chair is being established by friends, colleagues and admirers of Plaut, who will pay tribute to him at a festive dinner on April 24, at the Inn on the Park. He will be recognized for a lifetime of commitment, service and devotion to the Jewish people and to humanitarian endeavors.

Born in Moscow, Golenko earned master level degrees from the Moscow Institute of National Economics and Moscow State University. He was awarded a PhD from the Moscow Physico-Technical Institute in applied mathamatics.

A full professor at the Moscow Economics — Statistical Institute from 1967-1977 and at the Institute of National Economics in Tashkent, (both tenured positions), he lost his job and his apartment when he applied to emigrate to the State of Israel.

On Oct. 13, 1985, he arrived in Israel with his economist wife.

Currently, he is participating in a complex project which involves designing and creating an artificial heart.

Although Golenko will be the first Soviet scholar at BGU to be endowed with a chair, several distinguished scholars have joined the BGU faculty.

Five hundred and fifty new Soviet students are taking courses from the University in four faculties — natural sciences, humanities and social sciences, engineering and health sciences. Many more are expected over the next few years.

For more information, please call Claire Horowitz at 416-665-8054.

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Organizations and People

Kupat Holim implemented special measures

Israel's hospitals, clinics prepared for worst during war

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

While Iraq's threat of chemical or biological warfare against Israel turned out to be just that, many of Israel's hospitals and clinics prepared for such attacks and the treatment of victims.

Kupat Holim, which provides comprehensive health insurance and medical care for more than 85 per cent of Israel's population through a countrywide network of hospitals, clinics, laboratories and other health care facilities, assumed responsibility for the medical services for the majority of Israeli casualties.

Within the first few weeks of the emergency situation, Kupat Holim spent tens of millions of dollars to implement special measures to deal with any emergency situation that might arise.

Although the missiles attacking Israel carried conventional warheads, and most fortunately did not cause serious injury, Kupat Holim took extraordinary measures to prepare for any emergency situation.

Many of the Kupat Holim clinics throughout Israel were placed on special war alert and were prepared to transport and treat victims of chemical weapons, with emphasis on communities with no nearby hospital.

At the Beilinson Medical Centre Petach Tikvah, near Tel Aviv, the hospital devoted much of its energy and staff to these emergency preparations. As in other departments, like the neonatal intensive care unit, which cares for very young children, the halls were lined on both sides with anti-gas protection tents into which babies up to two years old were placed during missile alerts, adding to the already crowded halls and wards of Beilinson's pediatric departments.

In maternity wards, expectant mothers were forced to wait during labor in sealed rooms, wearing gas masks. During one missile attack, a woman in Haifa's Carmel Hospital, her husband and the obstetrician donned their gas masks and despite the two booms that shook the delivery room, she gave birth successfully and safely, with sounds of Israeli folk songs in the background to relax her.

Shaare Zedek Medical Centre was designated as a hospital in Jerusalem to accept and treat victims of chemical and biological warfare and one of the hospitals to treat all other war wounded as well.

In addition to the detoxification areas outside the emergency room — complete with showers separated into sections for men and women — all emergency treatment areas were situated underground, supplies fully stocked and ready.

Shaare Zedek began planning its new medical centre in 1968, when its original historic site on Jaffa Road became overcrowded and had no provisions for the burgeoning new technology, and although planned for peace, it recognized it must also prepare for war. As a result, the first three floors of the hospital were built underground to afford protection in case of enemy attack.

At the Ezrath Nashim-Sarah Herzog Memorial Hospital in Jerusalem, which cares for some of the most vulnerable members of Israel's population, the elderly and the mentally ill, special measures were set in place.

On the eve of the war in the Gulf, Hadassah Hospital made available its beds for victims of possible attacks by transferring many of its older patients to the Herzog Hospital.

A spokesperson for the Herzog Hospital said that when the air raid sirens sounded, every single patient had to be fitted with a gas mask, placed in a sealed room and kept calm.

"If one can imagine the pressures and fears this experience imposed on a normal population, consider the difficulties upon the staff of the hospital in handling the many patients with limited cognitive or physical functioning."

Hundreds of yards of plastic sheeting and tape were needed to secure the windows in case of breakage and to make the patient rooms as air-tight as possible in case of a gas chemical attack.

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As a result of attacks on Israel by Iraqi missiles and with the threat of chemical and biological warfare, a number of Israelis suffered from psychological shock and distress.

During the crisis, emergency information centres were established around the country by Kupat Holim. In addition to its regular personnel, each centre was manned by people who speak Russian and other languages to deal with calls from new immigrants.

The emotional stress was caused not so much by the actual fear of being victimized by a missile attack — though this fear certainly abounds — but rather by the day-to-day pressure of alerts, sealed rooms, sleepless nights, and all the other aspects of the situation.

Keeping the public calm and on an even keel was a major thrust of Kupat Holim's activities since the start of the war.

Aside from the vital work it does in normal times, Kupat Holim also served as a National Stress Centre. The centre worked around the clock to try to cope with the thousands of people who were suffering from fear, emotional stress and trauma.

The centre staff also travelled throughout the Tel Aviv area to provide home care to those unable to get to the centre, either because of the nature of their problem or because of their lack of transportation. The aged in particular are affected.

In a multi-missile attack, Kupat Holim's mental health facility was damaged. Some 80 per cent of the windows in the building were shattered and the outer doors were blasted out. It was critical to repair the clinic immediately so that citizens coming to the centre for war-related stress not be subjected to the additional burden of seeing their "psychological refuge" damaged by the same missiles they so fear.

Under the leadership of Director General Nachum Fassa, Kupat Holim set up nerve centres in its Tel Aviv headquarters to coordinate minute-by-minute activities throughout its network of hospitals and clinics.

At Ezrath Nashim's Sarah Herzog Memorial Hospital, there has been an upsurge in recent months in the need for psychiatric services by the new Russian olim due to the stresses naturally impinging on new immigrants in the best of times.

A group of 60 Russian-speaking mental health professionals offered their services to Kupat Holim's 24-hour-a-day "stress centre" hotline. Immigrants who need to speak to a psychologist, psychiatrist or social worker were given the number of one of these Russian-speaking specialists in their local area.

Correction

A headline in last week's CJN mistakenly stated that revenues at the Canadian Technion Society were down in 1990 over 1989. In fact, revenues in that period actually rose.

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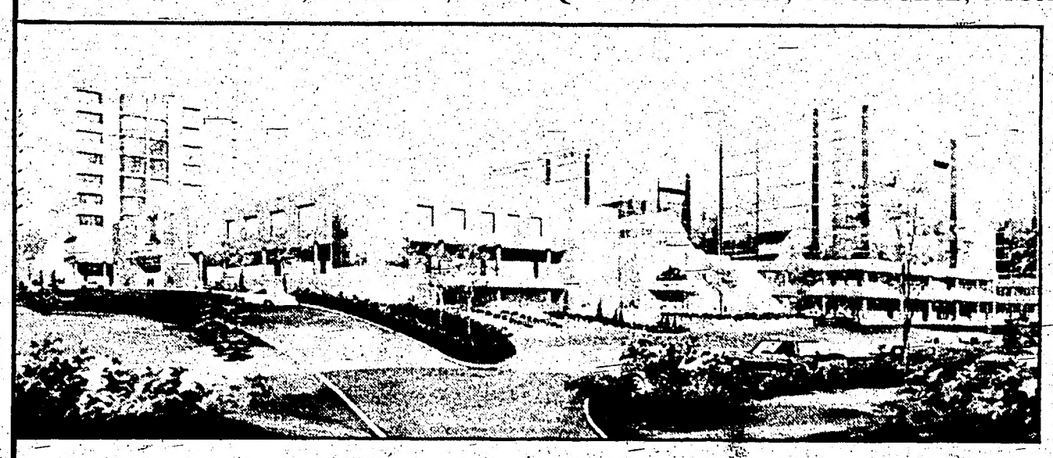

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League for Human Rights releases report in Winnipeg

Anti-Semitic incidents on the rise in Manitoba

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Anti-Semitic graffiti around Winnipeg, telephone threats and a tour by a Holocaust denier led to an increase in the number of anti-Semitic incidents in Manitoba last year, Murray Trachtenberg, chairman of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights Midwestern Region recently reported.

At a press conference at the YMHA Jewish Community Centre, Trachtenberg said that there were seven incidents reported last year, up from three in 1989.

Last year's incidents included graffiti on two occasions on a Jewish home in the north end, the Herzlia Adas Yeshurun Synagogue in south Winnipeg, the River Heights community centre and the Louis Riel statue near the Legislature.

As well, a teacher of Holocaust education received a telephone threat and a Jewish couple shopping in Osborne Village found printed material on their car windshield. There was also the national tour of Holocaust denier David Irving which tried unsuccessfully to touch down in Winnipeg and other cities.

Lyle Smordin, national vice-president of BBC, reported that last year's 210 anti-Semitic incidents across Canada represents a fourfold jump over the last three years and a 19 per cent increase over 1989.

Smordin sites numerous factors in this growth of anti-Semitic activity including the recession, the Meech Lake failure and the Oka crisis nationally, renewed nationalism in eastern Europe and the Gulf crisis internationally.

The problem was compounded by the growing number of skinheads and the challenge to Canada's hate laws created by an Alberta court's decision to overturn Jim Keegstra's conviction early last year. The law wasn't reaffirmed until the Supreme Court decision in December.

"Even with the law as it stands, the criminal justice system doesn't take it seriously enough," says David Matas, the league's senior legal counsel. "The skinheads who attacked former broadcaster Keith Rutherford in Alberta, for example, were initially given light sentences. Often police treat racial vandalism the same as any other. Sentencing has to be more severe."

"Another problem is that it can become political," added Smordin. "Look at the Ross case in New Brunswick. In Manitoba, our attorney-general, Jim McCrae, has refused to prosecute some cases of racism because he didn't think he could get a conviction."

In response to questions following the formal statements, Matas noted that surveys indicate the vast majority of Canadians are still tolerant. The racist minority however is becoming bolder and more dangerous. He also noted that it is not only Jews who are at risk. "The league monitors incidents against other minority groups as well as Jews," he says.

In reply to a question about the wisdom of publicizing racist incidents, the B'nai Brith representatives responded that the right kind of publicity is better than keeping incidents quiet. "It's a balancing act," said Gabe Broder, director of B'nai Brith Canada Midwest Region.

"Publicity however can sensitize other people to the problems faced by visible and other minorities and mobilize public opinion. As well, publicity can disrupt racist groups as happened with the recent and extensive media coverage of the Ku Klux Klan in Manitoba."

Incorrect headline

TORONTO —

In the Feb. 28 issue of The CJN, a headline stated that CJC was providing food to the Jews of Mexico. Canadian Jewish Congress has actually concluded an agreement with the major Jewish organization of Mexico to provide Passover food to the Cuban Jewish community. The CJN regrets this error.

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Organizations and People

Toronto chapter members get first-hand look

Hadassah project helps integrate disabled youth

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

On a recent mission to Israel, Sandy Posluns was filled with admiration for Zvike Levy, the man who has the burdensome task of rehabilitating underprivileged children and integrating young disturbed immigrants.

Talking at the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Youth Village at Hadassim in Petach Tikvah, near Tel Aviv, with Levy, director of the Youth Village, Posluns, as well as 30 other Hadassah-WIZO members from across Canada, had the opportunity to see first hand how emotionally-deprived children and those from troubled backgrounds have thrived and were functioning normally at Hadassim.

"This was truly a unique experience," Posluns told The CJN. "Zvike, a workaholic, has surrounded these children with love, a tremendous support system, good role models and a fine education."

Posluns, a member of the executive board of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO which supports the Youth Village at Hadassim and numerous day care centres throughout Israel, explains that the success of Hadassim is the integration of emotionally-disturbed and disadvantaged children with "bright normal children."

The staff and their families live on campus, she adds, and along with the normal students, they create role models for family living and co-operation. "High expectations, exemplary examples set by other students, and a loving family atmosphere abound there."

The students, from age 12 to 18, go on to matriculation, followed by three years in the army. The success rate at Hadassim, notes Posluns, "is very high — almost 99 per cent and after serving in the army, most graduates of Hadassim go on to university and post graduate studies to become professors, doctors, lawyers and well adjusted family members."

There are more than 1,500 students attending the school and 500 live on campus. Problem children are recommended to Hadassim by educators and psychologists. Today, there are more than 100 Russian children attending the school and Posluns says that they are expecting many more who are having "uprootedness" problems adjusting to their new surrounding.

At lunch, Posluns spoke to a 17-year-old Russian boy from Moscow who had arrived seven months before. She spoke of his high intelligence and ability to speak English, German, Hebrew and Russian fluently.

She was impressed by a 17-year-old Israeli girl who Levy explained had been "emotionally deprived." Her mother was retarded and her father was well below normal. "She is exceptionally talented in dance and along with her studies at Hadassim, she is also attending a professional dance studio in Tel Aviv.

"She was so fabulous to talk with that I couldn't believe that there had been anything wrong with her — that she once had difficulty communicating and was emotionally remote when she was directed to Hadassim four years ago."

The young student said that the Youth Village had become her home as it is for the other students from deprived homes. "The students answer to each other and after graduation, they come into the mainstream of Israeli society."

Crafts such as ceramics and pottery are very important therapy for the students, explained Levy. Members of the mission saw examples of the ceramics produced by the students which show great distress and despair — disjointed people, grotesque mothers holding empty arms that depict a child's feelings of worthlessness and abandonment.

"Zvike pointed out to us how the works of these students change over time to reflect their adjustment." Each member of the mission was presented with a ceramic picture crafted by the students.

Ceramic sculptures of a distorted mother crafted by an emotionally distressed student at Hadassim's Youth Village depicting a mother with empty arms indicating a sense of not belonging.

Sandy Posluns (right) is seen with Zvike Levy (left), the director of the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Youth Village at Hadassim with an Israeli student.

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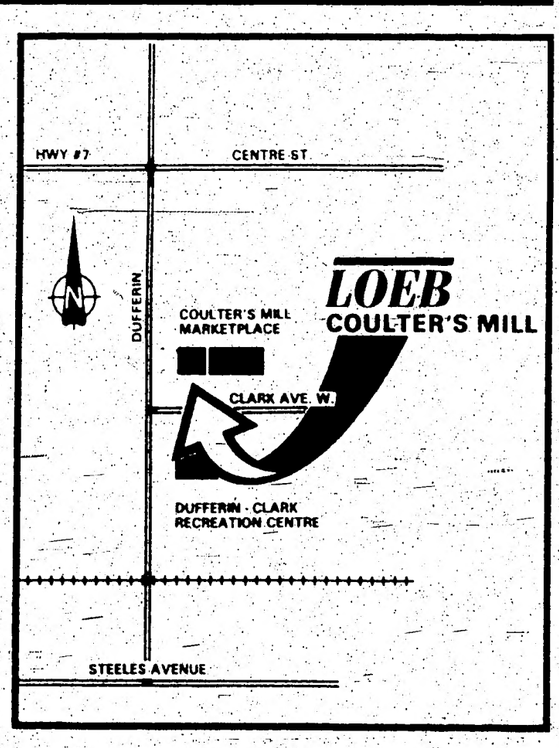

Organizations and People

Broader definition of refugees seen necessary

Jews in Arab lands said ignored by UN

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
If the United Nations is really committed to advancing the cause of humanity, it must get involved in the plight of Oriental Jews, says a leading scholar.

A good place to start would be for the UN to adopt a broader definition of refugees, Saul Friedman, a professor of Jewish studies at Youngstown State University in Ohio and an expert on Syrian Jewry, told a Shabbat Zachor audience at Beth Tzedec Congregation last week.

Shabbat Zachor marks an annual day of remembrance and prayer for Jews in Arab lands and Syria in particular.

Jews in Arab and Muslim countries, as well as other oppressed religious and ethnic minorities in the Arab world, have been virtually ignored by the UN, Friedman said.

"What role has the UN played in resolving the dilemma of Jews from Arab lands? Financially and otherwise, very little."

Friedman said the definition of a refugee has not changed since 1954, when the International Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees said a refugee is "a person who, as a result of events occurring before Jan. 1, 1951, and owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable, or owing to such fear, unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country."

Friedman said the UN adopted "a blind, witless attitude" toward the roughly one million Jews who were forced to flee Arab nations following the creation of the State of Israel in 1948.

The UN did not regard these Jews as refugees because they travelled to a country — Israel — where they ceased being persecuted and in effect, became Israeli citizens, Friedman said.

And those Jews who stayed behind in Arab countries, such as Iran, Iraq and Yemen, also did not fall under refugee status because they never left their homelands, he explained.

On the other hand, Palestinians are considered refugees by the UN, which since 1943, has provided them with over $2 billion in relief aid, Friedman said, adding that even those Palestinians who never left their homes are viewed as refugees.

Friedman quoted Jewish Agency figures, which estimate the total cost of giving new lives to Jews from Islamic lands as $11 billion.

The UN has "quietly and reluctantly" provided only "token" assistanace to Jews leaving Ethiopia and the Soviet Union, and while UN agencies "continue to trumpet about the injustice meted out to Palestinians, none has ever addressed the issue of Sephardic Jewish refugees."

Friedman called on the UN to broaden the definition of a refugee, as the United States did in 1980, to offer protection to "any person who is *within* the country of such person's nationality ... who is persecuted or has well-founded fear of persecution."

That definition, he said, would take in Jews in Arab and Muslim countries, Kurds in Iraq, Baha'is in Iran and Copts in Egypt.

"Even after 40 years," said Friedman, "the UN must acknowledge that the Sephardic Jews [fleeing Arab nations] have been genuine refugees, and that despite their welcome [in Israel], they have never fully adjusted to their displacement [and] that those who remain in the old country are oppressed."

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At a breakfast lecture the following morning, Friedman summed up the case of Nazi war criminal Alois Brunner, who has been sheltered by the Syrian government since 1960.

Brunner was former right-hand man to Adolf Eichmann, the architect of the murder of six million European Jews.

Brunner is responsible for the deaths of 160,000 people, including 100,000 Jews, and is the most wanted Nazi war criminal still at large, Friedman said.

He has been living under the pseudonym of Dr. Georg Fisher in Damascus and receives a pension, as well as police protection, from Syrian dictator Hafez Assad.

Syria refuses to extradite him, despite warrants from six Western governments, Friedman said.

In 1985, Friedman remarked, Brunner told a West German magazine he had no remorse over his war-time activities and would do it again.

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Rabbi Scheim helps obtain jogging suits for Scud survivors

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
In Israel they are called "trainingim." In Canada they are known as jogging suits and the fortuitous visit of Rabbi Philip Scheim to Israel in February resulted in the donation of 300 jog ging suits to people bombed out of their homes.

The rabbi of Beth David B'nai Israel decided he would go to Israel alone and see for himself the effects of the war. One of the first things he learned was that there was an urgent need for the jogging suits as Israelis sleep in them to be prepared to make a quick exit to their sealed room.

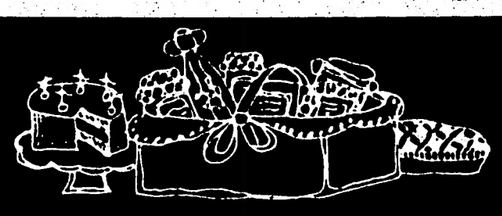
Rabbi Scheim got the message back to his wife, Lori, who in turn passed the appeal to the congregation; $7,000 was raised initially for the suits and other needs of the homeless.

Even before the rabbi left Toronto, members of the shul dropped into his office with gifts of money to help the situation in Israel. With it, Rabbi Scheim bought toys for children of recent Russian olim to ease their time in the sealed rooms.

"I've been to Israel six times in the last 18 months but this was the most inspirational visit of them all," he said. "If there is one message I would like to scream from the housetops, it is that Canadian Jews should visit Israel. Right now the people of Israel feel cut off from Jews in the rest of the world. It gets very lonely in the sealed rooms with your gas mask on and they have had a lot of that lately."

While in Israel, Rabbi Scheim delivered messages to many relatives and friends of his congregants. He stayed with rabbi colleagues and in one home was awakened twice in one night because of missile attacks.

Rabbi Scheim is leading a group from Beth David B'nai Israel to Israel on April 15 to observe Yom Ha'atzmaut.



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By
GERRY MORRIS

NEW YORK —

One of the more memorable scenes in the recent hit film, *Avalon*, has actor Lou Jacobi, in the role of "Uncle Gabriel," bursting into the family's Thanksgiving dinner.

As usual, he's late, and for years, his Jewish immigrant family, who revere their new American holiday, has waited patiently for his arrival. But this time, Gabriel's older brother Sam starts dinner without him. "You cut the 'toikey' without me!" Gabriel angrily shouts to his amazed relatives.

That phrase could turn out to be one of the Toronto-born actor's most famous taglines, even surpassing his *Midas Man's* ("Should have gone to Midas . . ."). In the middle of his daily walk the other day, he said, a New Yorker recognized him and hollered out: "Cut the toikey!" Lou waved back.

Critics are hailing his performance. "For the first time I felt I was on stage in a film," he told me at his Central Park South apartment in New York. "Particularly in the street scene when I'm having this heated exchange with my brother. Barry [the director, Barry Levinson, who's also directed *Rain Man* and *Diner*] let me go all out.

In the past New York theatregoers have applauded Jacobi's performances in such varied roles as the bread-stealing Mr. Van Daan in the *Diary Of Anne Frank*; the cynical old atheist, Schlissel, in Paddy Chayefsky's *The Tenth Man*; and the bombastic father in Neil Simon's *Come Blow Your Horn*. He played the Hollywood producer in the musical *Fade-Out, Fade-In*, costarring Carol Burnett; and Woody Allen, a Jacobi admirer, wrote the play, *Don't Drink The Water*, expressly for him.

Jacobi also made a career in commercials. In 1968, he was the first actor to receive a Cleo Award for Excellence in Commercial Acting for his character of "The Poor Soul" in a Hertz Commercial. Among his famous roles are the chagrined car owner, *Midas Muffler Man* ("Should have gone to Midas . . ."), and *The Dandelion Man* for Scott Turf Builders.

Born Louis Jacobovitch in 1913 in Toronto (on University Avenue where Mt. Sinai Hospital now stands), he was one of five children. His mother rented a few rooms to itinerant Jewish actors, and it was here, surrounded by people in the theatre, that Jacobi became enamoured of show business.

"When I reached the ripe age of three," he said, "my father put me on the table at the old *Moishov Zekainim* (old folks' home) on Cecil Street and taught me a Yiddish song: *God Don't Desert Me In My Old Age*. The song's about how you should take care of your parents. My mother was flabbergasted that he should be doing this. 'Why teach a child a song like that?' she said. My father bellowed back, 'Let him know what it is to grow old!' "

Jacobi supported himself with a succession of jobs — laboring in a tannery factory and a tobacco plant, selling men's socks door-to-door — before he sprang to prominence as a raconteur.

In 1951, he left Toronto for London, where he hoped to find more theatre work. "Survival seemed dubious at times," he recalled. "I got a flat nose from doors being slammed in my face.

"All I wanted was a walk-on in some play in London's West End. Everything else I did was a bonus."

With no letup, he finally broke through with plays such as *Guy & Dolls* and *Pal Joey*. One day, playwright-director, Garson Kanin, saw him in *The World of Sholem Aleichem* at a local synagogue and offered him the supporting role of Van Daan in *Diary Of Anne Frank* in New York, a bravado part Jacobi repeated in the George Stevens' film version

play, Jacobvi said, "My father grudgingly came backstage to meet the star of the play, Joseph Schildkraut, Jr., at my urging. Pa was an admirer of Joseph Schildkraut Sr., in Europe, and I thought he might like to meet the man's son.

Don't cut the "toikey" without Lou Jacobi.

"But my father remained silent until Joseph Jr. broke the ice and said, 'Mr. Jacobi, how did you like the play?'

"My father bounced back and said, 'How did you like my boy?'

"Replied Schildkraut, 'A good actor. Now tell me, I understand you were a great fan of my father's.'

"Pointing his index finger upwards, Pa said, 'Ah! There was a real actor!' "

Late in life, Jacobi married his wife of 35 years, Ruth. "I was 42, a confirmed bachelor, even Lloyds of London wouldn't take a chance," he recalled, laughing. "Not only has Ruth helped me pick good projects, she has also made me a better Jew."

In the den of his home, Lou proudly displays scrolls and citations, representing all the Jewish causes to which he's given his time and talent. "These to me are my Jewish Oscars. I don't have to go to Hollywood to get them. When the Jewish people give you an Oscar — that's an Oscar," he said.

In spite of all his magic moments in the theatre, he claims the biggest thrill of his life was sending his parents to Israel in 1960.

"It was their realization of a lifelong dream," he said, adding that he lost his father in 1965 and his mother in 1979. "They gave me my Jewish soul, my heritage. When I was on stage my family was there with me. I draw from my roots.

Leisure important

"In *Come Blow Your Horn* I played a man just like my father, who is more than a little miffed at a non-working son. My father came to see me, and when I asked how he liked it, he whispered, 'You know, I've known fathers like that.' "

Today, Jacobi admitted, leisure is very important to him. "I enjoy the quiet times," he explained. "I worked for my privacy."

When Ruth and Lou socialize, they do so with friends both in and outside the business. "You can become very insular as an actor," he said. "Some actors can't see beyond their scripts. The curtain never comes down on these guys."

Besides a prolific 40-year theatre career, Lou also had some great film roles. One of his favorites was the part of *Moustache* (originally intended for Charles Laughton) in Billy Wilder's *Irma La Douce*.

His most unusual role, he said, was that of an enthusiastic transvestite in Woody Allen's 1972 film *Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex*. Even his cameo appearances — as the florist in *Arthur* with Dudley Moore, and as "Uncle Morty" in *My Favourite Year*, with Peter O'Toole — made an impression.

In television, viewers remember Lou for his two seasons on *The Dean Martin Show*; *Ivan The Terrible* mini-series, and guest star appearances in television shows such as *That Girl* and *Barney Miller*.

Despite all his comedic roles and a whimsical face that lends itself to comedy. Lou considers himself a serious actor. And as most actors know, playing comedy is more difficult than playing drama. Lou can do both.

In February he was honored as the first recipient of the Classic Labatt Award, a new award saluting the achievements of Canadian performers in the film arts.

Lou Jacobi exudes warmth and humor in his every word, yet it's clear that he will never forget his struggle, nor where he came from. He's just a guy who loves the art of performing and who doesn't worry about the competition. "There's lots of room at the top," he said.

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Soviet Jewish children mark first Purim in Canada

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —
"Mordechai — da. Haman — nyet."

That's the opinion of the 300 Soviet Jewish children and their parents here who last week celebrated their first Purim since immigrating to Canada in the past 12 months.

Two Purim parties for the newcomers were sponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress' community integration program, with assistance from the Russian Response Committee of Jewish Women's Federation and the Association of Soviet Jewry in Canada.

The first, held at the Jewish Community Centre last Monday, was organized by students at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) under the chairmanship of Rachel Dayan with the assistance of students of Ulpanat Orot.

In addition to a student-produced Purimspiel, the party featured entertainment by musician Joe Shimansky.

The following night, the World Jewry Committee and Chai Study Branch of the National Council of Jewish Women — Toronto Section hosted a fun-filled carnival at Council House.

Highlights included Purim crafts, music by Michael Khinkus and entertainment by Doo Doo the Clown, a.k.a. Shane Sarberman.

Souvenir instant photos were a hit, and many families said they planned to mail back the snapshots to relatives still in the U.S.S.R.

On both occasions, the story of Purim was recounted in Russian by Rabbi Hirsch Rabinsky of the Jewish Russian Community Centre in Willowdale.

TJC is looking for more volunteers to help newly-arrived Soviet Jewish families make their adjustment to a new life here. For further information call (416) 635-2883, ext. 251.

Toronto families are also needed to host Soviets at their Passover tables. For details call the Seder Hotline at (416) 635-2883, ext. 800.

Soviet Jewish children clowning it up at their first Purim celebration since coming to Canada. [David Blumenfeld photo]

Scientist working on anti-tumor drug

REHOVOT —
Research carried out by Soviet immigrant Lev Weiner, who recently joined the Weizmann Institute's research staff, indicates it might be possible to reduce the negative side effects of the important anti-tumor drugs adriamycin and daunomycin.

"Prof. Weiner's research may also open the door to the production of new anti-tumor drugs, and to more effective drug testing," said an institute spokesman.

The drugs are based on quinones, chemical compounds that exert their anti-cancer effect by producing a cut, or "scission," in the DNA of affected tissue, thereby preventing the malignant cells from multiplying. However, these scissions do not always occur in the most appropriate location within the DNA sequence; in addition, quinones often interact with normal cells as well, resulting in damaging side effects.

Weiner has proposed a method of producing scissions at specific DNA sites. His technique involves the binding of a natural or synthetic quinone to the end of a specially designed DNA fragment that is complementary to a specific segment of cellular DNA. Because the quinone-modified fragment selectively sticks to the chosen DNA segment, it may produce scission at a specific site.

Weiner's technique may also enable the use of new anti-tumor quinone drugs, which would be much too toxic if used in their original, unmodified form.

Now working at the institute's department of chemical physics, Weiner has likewise done pioneering work in the application of electron spin resonance (ESR) spectroscopy to biological ends.

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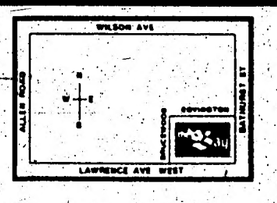

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Organizations and People

Has worked with all local organizations

Victor committed to serving Ottawa Jewish community

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

Gazing out the window of his first floor downtown law office, Stephen Victor ponders a question about the biggest risk he's ever taken. A long pause comes and goes, and the response puzzles. But only for awhile.

"I can't answer that. I don't take risks. I won't engage in uncertainties. My risks are calculated," he says.

A civil litigation lawyer with Kimmel, Victor & Ages, 49-year-old Victor's answer is appropriately guarded. Yet it offers much insight into the man, his community activism and dedication to the "Jewish adventure."

His lifelong commitment to the Ottawa Jewish community and Israel and his zeal are missionary-like. And, infectious.

His three-page resume is chock full of almost two pages chronicling his community involvement.

He received the Volunteer Service Award in 1987 from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture for 15 years of service, and he's been the president of the Jewish Community Council (1987-89), chairman of the United Jewish Appeal (Ottawa-1984), president of the Jewish Community Centre (1978-80) to name a few of the 33 positions listed.

"Nobody has held all three positions in the community except me," he said about his extensive involvement in raising, administering and receiving community monies. "That's my mark on the community.

"Most people don't want to get their hands dirty [with fund raising]," he said.

Victor's involvement in the community dates back to 1965 when he was director of Camp B'nai Brith. Since then, he has actively "put in motion the future planning of the community." These ongoing initiatives include: the development of a school campus; the extension of Hillel Academy; the expansion of Hillel Lodge; and the search for a new Jewish community centre.

Three critical issues face the Ottawa Jewish community today, he says.

First, while Ottawa is growing quickly, young newcomers from Toronto and Montreal "with different views and outlooks" aren't giving enough money to UJA campaigns, he says, unlike their Ottawa counterparts. "There's no resentment," he says, but the quality and quantity of Jewish services will inevitably suffer.

"Our problem in Ottawa is that the base for large donations is so small that if this base disappears and/or the base can't be expanded, we could be in serious trouble."

Second, as the Jewish population ages, there must be serious provisions for the expansion of facilities for the well-elderly, and bringing in services for extended chronic care.

Third, "we have to seriously think of developing a site for building a new Jewish community centre and expanding our educational facilities."

Victor's detractors call him arrogant and smug, and it's not difficult to see why. He's brash, opinionated, and upfront. "My best quality is my intelligence," he says. "I haven't got a worst quality."

He readily admits his ego is big, savoring the observation as a "great compliment.

"It's the people that have [big] egos that have advanced mankind and civilization. If you don't have ego, you ain't going to do it."

"He's a forceful person but he listens to others," says 61-year old Ottawa Vaad past president and friend Norman Zagerman.

His forcefulness comes from "the courage of his convictions," says Machzikel Hadas spiritual leader Rabbi Reuven Bulka. "If you hear him, you hear the fire within him."

He's a pillar in the community and "a top-notch guy," says Bulka.

Victor's arrogance meshes neatly with his vocation and almost surprisingly, it becomes self-effacing. He is a character with a lot of character.

The upbeat impression is true to life. "I am a doer," he declares, jumping off the couch with the unmasked glee of a youngster showing a stranger a hidden treasure. He reaches into a book case and brings out a hidden picture of Ariel Sharon.

An unabashed fan, Victor admires Sharon's "devil-may-care" attitude and "shoot-from-the-hip" leadership style. "He's also a doer but he's not a great thinker." He also admires John F. Kennedy and David Ben-Gurion.

Victor's health was at risk 10 years ago when he had open heart surgery and underwent a quadruple bypass operation. He now walks four to five miles a day and calls volunteer work his "outlet."

He's done just about everything he can do in the community and is now setting his sights on the national scene. Still, he's cautious and pragmatic. "I might never get the opportunity: politics being as they are," he says wryly.

He's currently nominated for the chairmanship of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Ideally though, "I might like to be a roving ambassador to Israel.

"I will give the best of my body and the best of my brains to achieve what's best for my family, the Jewish community [and Israel] and the practice of law," he said.

Victor was born in Ottawa, is married and has two sons.

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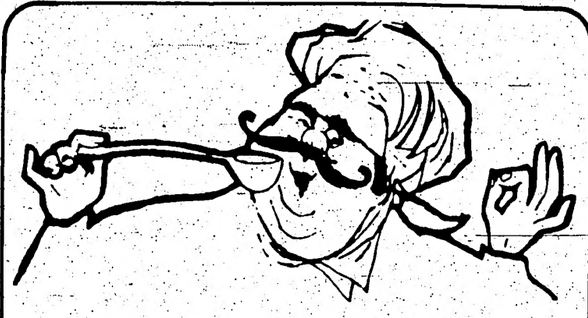

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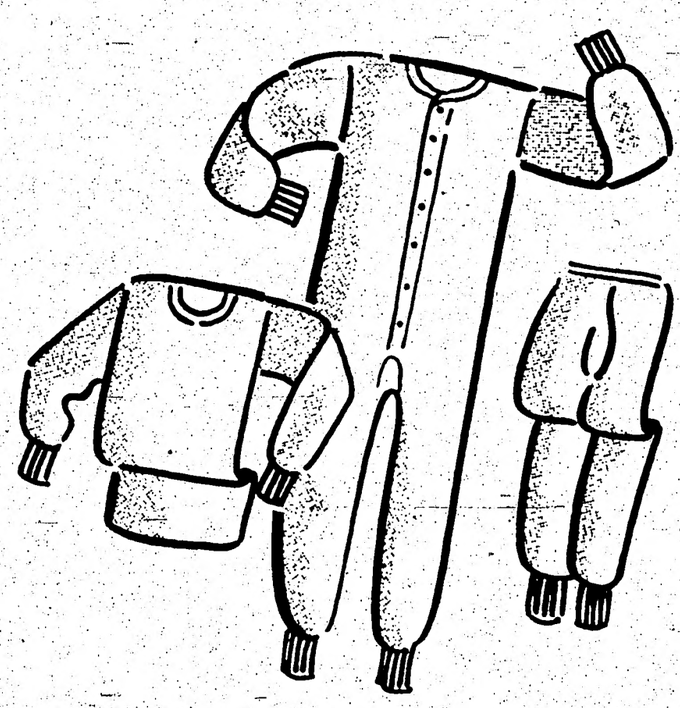

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Learning institute allows Jews to explore roots

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

It may not be exactly like going to the Y for a shvitz, but taking a course at one of the JCC's branches should be just as enjoyable and beneficial.

At least that's the promotional idea offered by Mark Charendoff, program director of the Jewish Community Centre's Institute for Jewish Learning (IJL).

Now in its second year of operation, the IJL is geared to offering a variety of courses on topics of interest to those exploring their Jewish roots — but in a "non-threatening, neutral environment."

Since the JCC is unaffiliated with any particular branch of Judaism, it is able to offer courses on Jewish culture, religion, literature, film, history and politics while not requiring participants to, in effect, "make a statement that goes along with attending," Charendoff said.

It's an approach that seems to be paying dividends for the JCC, as the program's popularity has, so far, exceeded expectations.

Last year's goal of 100 students was considered wildly optimistic by the committee that "brainstormed" the adult education idea, Charendoff recalls. But in the end, 360 people signed up for the 24 courses offered.

More than 200 have signed up for this year's winter/spring course offering, and many courses are not even scheduled to begin until May, Charendoff said, adding that the biggest surge in registration occurs in the week preceding the course's start.

What makes him confident of the program's success is the high level of satisfaction expressed by participants in course evaluation responses last year. Ninety-six per cent of students said they could like to continue taking the course and the courses were rated an average of 4.4 out of 5, where 5 is considered excellent.

Instructors rated even higher at 4.6 — and Charendoff believes that's an indication of one of the program's strengths.

Usually it's difficult to get the really good teachers, because they have many calls on their time, he said. But thanks to some "arm-twisting and favor-calling" with the help of Rabbi Irwin Witty of the Board of Jewish Education, Arthur Kruger, dean of Judaic studies at the University of Toronto and Sydney Eisen, the head of Judaic studies at York University, a high quality faculty was recruited.

They include rabbis from all streams of Judaism, professors and other educators, as well as visiting lecturers.

By and large they utilize a Socratic, "interactive" model of teaching, with lots of give and take between instructors and students.

The mix of young and old, Jewish and Gentile, white- and blue-collar participants adds to the interest, said Charendoff. And those Jews who are unaffiliated with any branch of their religion can feel comfortable in the welcoming environment adopted by the JCC, he added.

So far, the course that is attracting the greatest interest is the one that explores the relationship between Judaism and Christianity, followed by a course titled *Celluloid Jews: The Image of Jews on Film.*

Other popular offerings are courses on Israeli/Arab relations and on Israel's wars of survival.

While operating the educational program is at best a break-even proposition, its marketing costs are aided by a grant from the Toronto Jewish Congress Endowment Fund, Charendoff said.

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Organizations and People

Ethnic groups band together to confront racist incidents

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Even though the Persian Gulf War is over, religious and ethno-cultural communities should not let their guard down against racist episodes, according to Metro Toronto Police.

"Don't drop your heightened awareness. There still must be a period of concern," Staff Superintendent George Thompson told a meeting last week of North York ethnic, cultural and religious groups.

The groups, representing Chinese, black, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Baha'i and other organizations, was convened by North York Mayor Mel Lastman as a meeting "on war-related tensions."

Attending were representatives of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region and Rabbi Gunther Plaut.

The groups pledged to form a "multicultural crisis response network," whose aim will be to bring North York's many ethnic and religious organizations together to speak as one voice in the event of a desecration or racial incident.

Mayor Mel Lastman

The meeting heard that following the outbreak of the Gulf War last month, there were several desecrations of synagogues, Jewish schools and Jewish community buildings, as well as of mosques.

There were also reports of harassment of Arab-Canadians.

But "at no time" during the war were any ethnic communities in danger, said Thompson, an aide to Metro Police Chief William McCormack.

In fact, there were several arrests made in connection with the desecrations, Thompson noted.

As soon as the war broke out, Metro police made contact with ethnic and religious leaders and kept a watch on key facilities. Thompson said now that the war is over, police will maintain their "level of alertness," and he cautioned all ethno-cultural communities to do the same.

The acts of vandalism were the work of "thugs and punks," Lastman told the meeting, and "not organized groups. War brings the hatemongers out of the woodwork.

"When a synagogue or mosque is defaced, it concerns us all. But together, we stand tough."

Lastman said society "is bound to see hangovers of racism" after the war.

The crisis response network will co-ordinate and carry out immediate responses to racial incidents by calling press conferences, issuing statements and expressing sympathy and solidarity with affected groups, the mayor explained.

It will feature a 24-hour telephone line to report racial incidents, he said.

Lastman said the network will initially limit its work to North York but that it's hoped its work will spread across Metro.

Benjamin Abileah, Israel's Consul-General to Ontario, recently toured Ontario communities organized by the Community Action for Israel committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region. Here Abileah (centre) joins Beth Jacob Rabbi David Levy (left) and Cantor Avraham Fisher in Waterloo.

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Resource guide helps B.C. teachers explain Gulf War

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

A "teaching resource unit" called *Understanding the Middle East Crisis* has been issued to teachers throughout British Columbia by the B.C. Teachers' Federation to help teachers answer questions about the war. It is aimed especially at children ages 12 and up who, according to the BCTF, are asking the most questions.

The 108-page booklet contains a comprehensive historical overview of the countries in the Middle East and their religions, and traces the sequence of events, from July 17, 1990 right through to Jan. 16, 1991, when the war began.

This section of the guide says that the trouble started July 17 when Iraq threatened to use force against Arab oil producers who were driving down the price of oil by exceeding their OPEC quotas.

In the "recent histories" section, the guide states merely that "on May 14, 1948, the State of Israel was proclaimed and the following day, armies from the neighboring Arab nations entered Palestine and engaged in open warfare with the defence forces of the newly founded state."

However, as Erwin Nest, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region points out, no mention is made that the state was created by a vote of the United Nations and, he added, "we intend to discuss this and other omissions with the teachers' federation."

In another section of the booklet, an article is reprinted from Middle East Report which purports to give the "background to the crisis." After reviewing the situation which existed prior to the war, the article tries to link Israel with the problem of Arab oil prices by criticizing "the irresolution of the Palestine-Israel conflict, and the transparent hypocricy of the United States in its very selective opposition to aggression . . . Saddam's challenge has appropriated its political strength from the Palestinian and broader Arab resentment against the apparent collusion of the West and most of the Arab regimes to maintain a political and economic status quo which, for millions, has become intolerable. . . ."

Although acknowledging that Joshua led the Hebrews to Canaan and David and Solomon "expanded the Hebrew empire to its zenith about 922 A.D., with Jerusalem as its capital," and that "Palestine, the land of ancient Israel is the site of the most sacred shrines of Judaism," the guide claims that "Palestine was inhabited by Arabs . . . How could the Zionists' desire to establish a national state in Palestine be reconciled with the fact that Palestine was Arab territory?"

This is the "core problem" that has "tormented the Middle East ever since the establishment of the British Mandate over Palestine in 1922," says the guide.

The guide stresses that "by the terms of the Mandate, Britain pledged to support the establishment of a national home (NOT a national state) for the Jewish people."

The guide states further that when the State of Israel was proclaimed, "Israel and Israeli forces clashed with bands of Palestinian Arabs. The Israeli forces were far superior and by 1949 over half the Arab population had either fled or been driven from the territory they inhabited within Israel . . . This marked the origin of the Palestinian refugee problem." No mention is made that the "Arab bands" which fought the Israelis were actually the armies of most of the surrounding Arab countries.

Then the guide comes right out and declares that the situation "was further complicated by Israel's victory in the Six Day War" when it captured the West Bank and the Gaza and "this situation constitutes the issues of linkage that plays such a prominent part in the current Gulf crisis."

Understanding the Middle East Crisis was a project of "collaborative effort" between the BCTF, six school districts in the lower mainland, two provincial "specialist associations," the B.C. Global Education Project and faculty from the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University.

Architects charged with fraud

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Two well-known Metro architects were charged with fraud last week in connection with the Patti Starr affair.

Martin Mendelow and Girish Ghatalia are jointly charged with Starr of defrauding the provincial Ministry of Citizenship and Culture of a $357,000 grant.

Police say the money was allegedly used to renovate and build an addition to Council House, the headquarters of the National Council of Jewish Women (Toronto section), of which Starr was once president.

Mendelow and Ghatalia are each charged with one count of fraud over $1,000, and are alleged to have overstated the size of the addition to Council House by means of a false grant application and false bills.

They were released pending a court appearance on March 13.

The charges relate to the period from December, 1985 to February, 1988.

Last April, Starr was charged with one count of fraud over $1,000 in connection with the same grant, which allegedly also paid for a new office for her.

Police say the money was obtained through a matching grant from the ministry, which discovered a $357,000 overpayment in a 1989 audit.

The charge relates to the period from June 1986 to February 1988.

Last June, Starr was charged with three counts of uttering forged documents in connection with the same grant. The charges allege she submitted forged documents to the ministry in 1986.

Starr faces a total of 11 criminal charges stemming from her role as head of a charitable foundation associated with the NCJW (Toronto section).

A preliminary hearing into those charges will begin April 22.

On March 18, Starr will go on trial on 33 counts of violating the Election Finances Act. The charges allege she improperly channelled some $90,000 of charity money to politicians, mainly provincial Liberals.

A provincial inquiry into the relations between Starr, certain elected officials and the land developer Tridel Corp. was quashed last year by the Supreme Court of Canada, which ruled that the probe violated the rights of those being investigated.

Also last week, Housing and Municipal Affairs Minister Dave Cooke announced that a public inquiry into relations between land developers, the government and community planners may begin before the end of this year.

Queen's Park is being careful this time so an inquiry will not run afoul of constitutional rights and will not interfere with any police investigations, Attorney-General Howard Hampton said.

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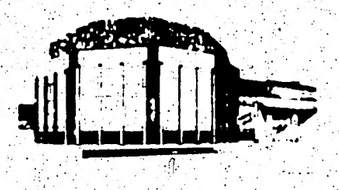
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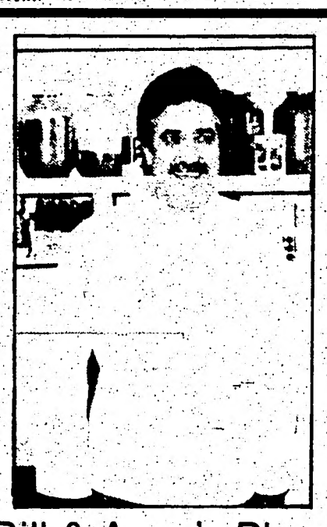

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Showbiz Mishmash

Baby-faced Jason Sherman is a mature playwright

By
FRANK RASKY

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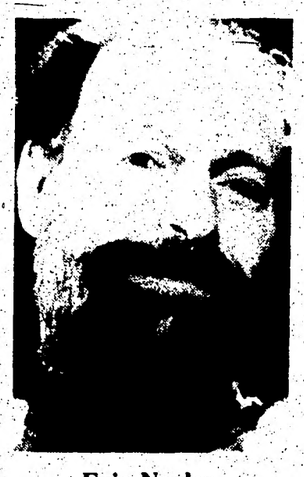

Eric Nagler

Gail Schwartz

With his baby-faced good looks and long locks of unkempt brown hair, **Jason Sherman** looks like a hippie Peter Pan who has never grown up.

Indeed, he told me last week during an interview over a beer at a dumpy tavern at Dufferin Street and King, "I look so juvenile, I get asked for my identification card at most bars."

Yet the 28-year-old playwright — the son of the veteran Toronto actor and comedian **Cy Sherman** — is the most mentally stimulating of young Jewish writers I've encountered in recent years.

I wanted to meet him because of the rich blend of fresh humor and provocation ideas he packed into his half-hour drama, *The League Of Nathans*. It was the standout of the local Rhubarb Festival of Innovative Theatre, which concluded its run recently.

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The play deals with a club of three Toronto Jewish boys, all of the same age and each bearing the first name of Nathan. From the age of eight until their bar mitzvah they meet every Friday night for an irreverent and yet serious bull session to discuss their notions of God and Judaism.

Time passes, and the trio of 30-year-olds hold a reunion of the League of Nathans in Spain's oldest synagogue, the Il Transito Shul in Toledo.

It still stands as a reminder of the once-thriving Jewish civilization there, which was wiped out when the powerless Jews were expelled in 1492.

The three Nathans spend the evening reminiscing and debating. One has become a foul-mouthed, redneck foreman of a Calgary appliance factory with a vulgar wit. Another is a sensitive but rather self-righteous actor who performs with puppets to illustrate Bible tales in Toronto Hebrew schools. The third is a militant Zionist in an Israeli kibbutz suspected of being involved in the vigilante murder of an innocent Arab.

The Nathans examine entertainingly the state of their minds and the state of Israel. The most profound question raised is this: "Can you reconcile being a Jew and yet support the sometimes strong-arm policies of Israel?"

"I didn't intend to write a polemical play that knows all the answers," says Sherman. "You might call it an investigative play. I tried to answer the questions that bother me by writing the play."

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Sherman rightly describes himself as a quiet, introspective Jew, increasingly concerned with his roots, after having read so much about the Holocaust. "As a writer, I have a lot of conversations going on in my head," he says. "In real life I hate conflicts, and I avoid hassles by putting the arguments in the mouths of characters onstage."

He grew up in a lively, relatively religious home in North York; one of the eight sons of **Cyril Sherman** and the former **Grace Gangbar**. "After our bar mitzvah, each one of the boys was given the option of attending synagogue services," he says.

His father, born in London, England, was a music-hall comedian before moving to Toronto, where he rose to become a national sales executive for Shopsy's Foods. He refers to his father, now retired at 65, as a "charming, brilliant salesman," who could probably sell suspenders to a scarecrow.

In his spare time, his father performed for the Beth Tikvah Drama Guild. At the Leah Posluns Theatre, he was noted for playing several roles in *Golda* and being featured in *God's Favorite*, **Neil Simon's** comic retelling of the Book of Job from the Bible.

"Dad's a very funny storyteller, and I learned my sense of comic timing from him," he says.

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But young Jason yearned to be a writer rather than a performer. "I was an avid reader as a public school kid and student at George S. Henry Secondary School," he says. "I loved **J. D. Salinger's** *Catcher In The Rye* and the Shakespeare classics from *Hamlet* to *Lear*."

As a creative writing student at York University, he was chiefly influenced by two Jewish playwrights. England's **Harold Pinter** taught him to chop out excess verbiage from dialogue. And from Chicago's **David Mamet**, he learned how "to really listen to conversations, and capture people speaking without thinking."

Sherman admits that his early attempts at playwriting were imitations of the style of others. He probably found his own voice when writing *A Place Called Pamela*, which was produced last fall at Terragon Theatre's Extra Space, to favorable reviews.

It was about a young man seeking the perfect wife, and, theatrical though it may seem, Sherman discovered his own ideal wife when casting Toronto actress-mime **Melinda Little** for an earlier 1985 version of *Pamela*. He calls her, a "petite, perky and energetic brunette, who has been very supportive of my career."

She is a regular cast member of Theatre Beyond Words, the mime-and-masque company, based in Niagara - on - the - Lake, which has toured the world with its popular stage series, *The Potato People*. In fact, Sherman conceived the idea for *The League of Nathans* when accompanying Melinda on the troupe's tour of Spain two years ago and visiting the ruins of the ancient synagogue in Toledo.

What does the future hold in store for him? He has applied for a Canada Council grant that would enable him to expand *The League of Nathans* into a two-hour play. And he'd like to try his hand at writing comedy screenplays, though not in the slick manner of Neil Simon.

"I prefer to tackle scripts that mix tears with the laughter," he says. "A Jewish writer, to my way of thinking, should strive to be tolerant and compassionate, and to be perpetually asking challenging questions that make you think."

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A tip of my hat goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Mazel tov to the beautiful actress-filmmaker **Cayle Chernin**, who takes seriously her newest role as chairman of the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst, in the Lipa Green Building, 635-2996. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the library (which began as a Spadina Avenue bookshop and now contains a treasure trove of 52,000 books), she has organized several events.

At a private reception there on March 13, Toronto artist **Gail Schwartz** will launch her multi-media art installation titled *Zachor* (Hebrew for Remember). The Canadian trio, headed by cellist **Nina Tobias**, will provide entertainment.

At a public Open House on March 17, **Ronnie Wiseman's** Jewish Reggae Band will supply the music. And besides the Schwartz art installation, the evening's highlights will include a display of rare and antique books and a do-it-yourself genealogy computer allowing you to trace your family's ancestry.

Be sure to catch the delightful *Eric's World* TV series running on the Family Channel, with each wacky half-hour episode in the 13-week series seen every Thursday, Sunday and Tuesday. Its star is **Eric Nagler**, the prolific composer, puppeteer, comedian and musician, who plays such oddball instruments as a nose flute, bleach bottle banjo, and cornstalk fiddle. A featured performer for five seasons on *Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show*, he has created goofy songs for his albums; my favorite ditties include the lines "Don't be a kvetcher" and "I don't want your buttered bagels."

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I bow out with this exit line from the brilliant Jewish lyricist-composer **Stephen Sondheim**:

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Grandparenting made easy on TV

TORONTO —

The countdown is on. In less than one month The Bubbie Break, an entertaining and informative show about grandparenting, will make its debut on CHEX TV.

The Bubbie Break begins a 13-week run on March 17 at 3:30 p.m. Hosted by 65-year-old Marion "Bubbie" Schwarz, The Bubbie Break is a program about grandparents, grandchildren and love.

The Bubbie Break is different because of its emphasis on grandparents and their special relationship with their grandchildren. The producers assume that grandparents know the fundamentals of child rearing, but may need help dealing with their roles as grandparents.

Each 30-minute show features an average of six guests who range from professionals to ordinary grandparents and grandchildren. They're all in the Bubbie's "living room" to answer questions about and provide insight into grandparenting in the 1990s.

"Bubbie is the Yiddish word for grandmother," explains host and executive producer Marion Schwarz. "But to me the way of saying grandmother, in any language, is love." A grandmother of three, Marion believes that The Bubbie Break offers a healthy alternative to much of the sex and violence in today's culture.

Although she is a television novice, Marion admits to feeling very comfortable doing her on-screen interviews. "I'm interested in all the different aspects of being a grandparent today," she says, "so I ask the questions I know other grandparents want answered.

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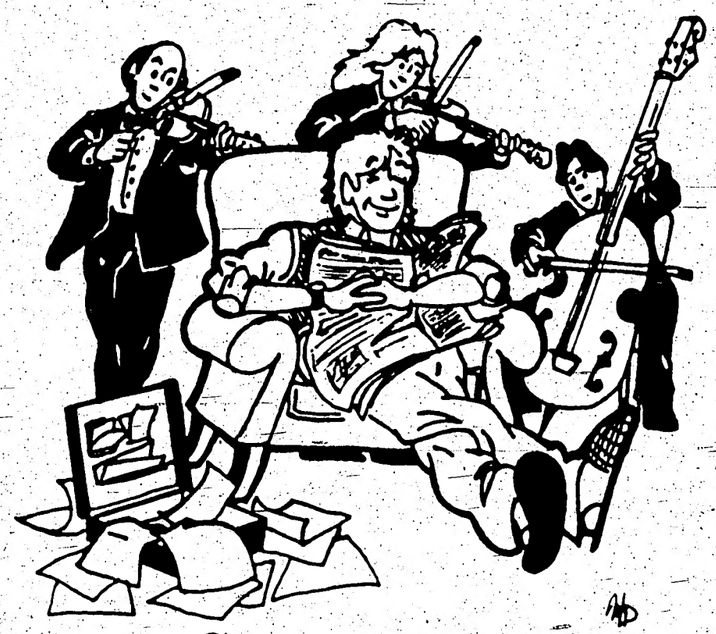

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Infamous art exhibit restored in LA

By
GERRY MORRIS

LOS ANGELES —

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art exhibition, Degenerate Art: The Fate Of The Avant-Garde in Nazi Germany, runs to May 22. Filled with disturbing thought and deep feelings, this incredible exhibit will assuredly join the ranks of the most important ever mounted.

It is based in part on a reconstruction of Adolf Hitler's Entartete Kunst (Degenerate Art), the infamous 1937 exhibition which marked the culmination of an attempt to destroy modern art, music, and literature in Germany of the 1930s.

Through raids on 32 museums, the Nazis rounded up more than 16,000 works of art. Six hundred and fifty of these were selected for public ridicule and herded into 10 rooms at the Archelogical Institute in Munich. Graffiti on the temporary walls denounced the artists as "incompetents and charlatans," and the content as decadent and morally offensive. Nearly three million people saw this Entartete exhibit before its 13-city German and Austrian tour was completed in 1941.

As a contrast, hundreds of Nazi-approved paintings and sculpture were installed concurrently at the sumptuous House of German Art in Munich, at whose opening Hitler threatened that degenerate works "will never again find their way to the German people."

The condemned art of Marc Chagal and Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, the writings of Hannah Arendt and Thomas Mann, the films of Fritz Lang, G. W. Pabst and Billy Wilder, and the music of Arnold Schoenberg and Kurt Weill required one to think and feel. All were artists who advocated free thought and esthetic expression, characteristics that were viewed as reprehensible by the Nazis.

The long awaited show is a towering achievement of scholarship, research and enterprise by Stephanie Barron, the Los Angeles County Museum's curator of 20th century art, who planned the exhibition with architect Frank Gehry and German colleagues over a five-year period.

Initially there were discouraging reports that the Nazis had burned vast quantities of art, and that they were known to have sold many works, but after two years of arduous detective work 175 of the original works were located, and the owners of these treasures were persuaded to lend their art to this show.

By means of photographic doucmentation, archival records, newsreel film footage, Nazi-approved art, recollection of visitors and published accounts the notorious "Entartete Kunst" has been eerily recreated (to the extent still possible) in a most dramatic mood-setting atmosphere.

Viewers enter the exhibit through a corridor whose walls are covered with quotes and gargantuan photographs of the victimized artists. Sculptor Ernest Borlach is quoted as saying, "My little boat is sinking fast."

"The louder the 'heils' roar, instead of cheering and raising my arm in Roman attitudes, the more I pull my hat down over my eyes." The statement was made in 1933, the year the National Socialists won control of Germany and Hitler gained authority to act without the Reichstag.

"Everywhere attempts are being made to lower the happiness and way of living of mankind to the level of termites," said Max Beckmann. And when Thomas Mann left Germany to settle in the United States he said: "I believe in fact that for the duration of the present European Dark Age the centre of Western culture will shift to America."

In entering the first gallery of the show a 22-foot scale model of the 1937 exhibition recreates a series of long, narrow rooms in Munich's Archeological Institute, and three of these rooms are devoted to music, film, and literature that were targeted by the Nazis.

There are more than 150 books, catalogues, documents, rare posters and film and music selections, drawn from 40 archives in the United States and Europe. In the music room, "degenerative" jazz and modern pieces are available for listening, along with Nazi-approved classical music and Kitsch.

Other documents relate to the 1938 Nazi-mounted show revealing, the fate of composers who were forced to flee Germany, many of whom settled in America. In the film room, clips from banned Expressionist and Abstract film footage and photos document the 1933 Nazi assault on authors with public book burnings.

When visitors finally approach the art section, they encounter galleries displaying works in the order that they were originally mounted, but in far more amenable surroundings.

Among the most stunning paintings on view are the ones Hitler loved to hate: Max Beckmann's Descent From The Cross; Marc Chagall's Purim; Otto Dix's Portrait Of the Jeweller Karl Kroll; George Grosz's Metropolis; and an entire room of Emil Nolte's work.

Sculptures include Wilhelm Lehmbruch's six-foot bronze, Large Kneeling Woman and Rudolf Belling's three-foot abstraction Triad.

Those who want some guidance may rent an extremely comprehensive audio tour of the show, which includes artist's quotes, historian's insights, and period music.

The only other engagement for this landmark exhibition is at The Art Institute of Chicago, June 22 to Sept. 8.

Degenerate Art: The Fate of Avant-Garde Art in Nazi Germany pays homage to some of the most moving art, music, literature and film of the 20th century, and reminds us in this conservative age that freedom of expression continues to require our protective vigilance.

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Ernst Ludwig Kirchner's Self-Portrait As Soldier, part of Degenerate Art: The Fate of the Avant-Garde in Nazi Germany.

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Newsreels get new home

JERUSALEM —

Copies of newsreels produced in Israel between 1932, when the first was made, until 1971, when their production stopped with the advent of Israeli TV, are now housed in the Steven Spielberg Jewish Film Archive at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Included in the collection are the first sound film made entirely in Hebrew in Israel (*This is the Land* by Baruch Agadati) and the surviving parts of the first Israeli newsreel, by Ya'akov Ben-Dov, father of the Hebrew cinema.

Beit Lohamei Hagettaot (The Ghetto Fighter's Museum) is depositing its films and outtakes (the world's largest and most important collection of films about the Holocaust) in the Speilberg Archive.

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Arts

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Naughty comics are true rib-ticklers

The Lively ARTS

By
FRANK RASKY

If the woes of Israel and problems of the Persian Gulf are getting you down, I recommend two rib-tickling productions of pure escapism.

Correction. Make that "impure" because the humor in both ranges between ribald and raunchy.

The blue jokes are bawdiest in *Not Now, Darling* (running until April 7 at the Stage West Dinner Theatre, 5400 Dixie Rd).

This Broadway and London comedy hit has been stitched together by Ray Cooney and John Chapman, veteran co-authors of the successful boudoir farces, *Run For Your Wife* and *Move Over, Mrs. Markham.*

What makes *Not Now, Darling* distinctive is that it's set in a posh London firm of furriers rather than a bedroom. But it's the same-old sex mixture as in days of yore — a melange of mistaken indentities, double entendres, cheating husbands and naughty ladies in scanty underwear popping in and out of closets like cuckolds from cuckoo clocks.

Bill Daily, who used to play Major Healy in the *I Dream Of Jeannie* TV series, is funniest in the role of the wimpy simp of a furrier named Arnold Crouch. The level of wit never rises above, "Get that cutey off the couch, Crouch!"

So what do you expect from a farceur in a burlesque show? Oscar Wilde, it ain't.

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The 31st Second City satirical revue, *New Democrats On The Block* (running until May 1 at the Fire Hall, 110 Lombard St., 863-1111), is sassier and has more bite than any of its shows I've seen there over the past five years.

The most amusing of its cast of six writing performers is probably Gary Pearson. He created the introductory animated film cartoon which shows the CN Tower mating with the SkyDome and thus giving birth to our "World-Class" city.

Stellina Rusich (left) and Jennifer Borden are seminude under their mink coats as they tease furrier Bill Daily in the Stage West farce.

And its most scalding wit is poured into a tragic-comic skit putting down a pair of drunken duck hunters. After failing to shoot a pesky mosquito, the boozers wind up killing each other.

Despite the revue's title, only one sketch is devoted to kidding the new New Democrats' regime in Ontario. I particularly liked the sting in the tail of a ditty poking fun of our new premier:

Oh, Bobby Rae, Superstar,
You've gone so far . . .
Without having any friends
Like Patti Starr!

The whole show is one continuing hoot of laughter, with lots of risque bon mots. Sandra Balcovske deserves kudos for her nimble directing.

Yiddish poet launches his first book in English

Selected Poems by Sam Simchovitch, Mosaic Press $12.95 paperbound.

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Sam Simchovitch is a Toronto Yiddish poet, teacher, and scholar. At 69 he can look back on troubled teenage years in Poland, a sojourn in the Soviet Union during the Second World War and more than four decades of creative work and living in Canada.

Selected Poems, his first book in English, includes material written over two decades and underlines such themes as war and peace, the ravages of old age, the uniqueness of the Yiddish language, the seeming injustice of God and His special relationship with the Jewish people, and impressions of Toronto and Canada.

These readable and accessible poems are life affirming and hopeful, a cri de coueur against stupidity, racism and inhumanity. Realistically, they do not evade the hard questions or the tragic side of life.

Despite his disappointment in the behavior of many countries the poet is eager to welcome Canada, to "embrace this land that embraced you."

In a poem entitled *A Kaddish for the World* he graphically describes an atomic explosion, "the majestic white-petalled mushroom / a swan song to humanity" during which all are vaporized in an explosion "more efficient than the brimstone of Sodom - Gomorrah." At the end "rats and cockroaches will survive in a charred silence."

In *The Fiery Mountain* he confronts an indifferent God, "You surely hid Your face/and did not differentiate/between Your covenanted people/and simpletons, with hearts of stone/who stood, with silly smiles,/beside the bleeding ditches."

The nostalgic poet gathers Yiddish books from cellars and neat bungalows. Once they were read and cherished, now they are forlorn and unwanted. "I wipe their dusty covers,/examine frontispieces,/woodcuts, dedications/ shards of a civilization/that once thrived/before my very eyes."

In the end, the poet is grateful for his gift and craft. He prays, "Chastise as You wish,/strict Master/but grant me till the end/a poet's voice and vision."

These 60 or so wide-ranging poems reflect some of the axial events of modern times, as well as age-old concerns and perennial emotions.

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Assimilation and Assertion

The Response to the Holocaust in Mordecai Richler's Writing: by Rachel Feldhay Brenner (Peter Lang Publisher)

How do Canadian Jewish writers respond to the Holocaust? How does persistent anti!-Semitism and the weakening of liberal humanist values in society, affect the views and outlook of such writers as A. M. Klein, Irving Layton, Leonard Cohen, Adele Weisman — and espcially Mordecai Richler?

The author, who holds a PhD degree from York University, was born in post-war Poland, raised in Israel and now lives in Toronto. She asserts that Richler and other Jewish writers are caught between two conflicting positions.

On the one hand the Holocaust and what it represents in suffering and anguish, is a spur to Jewish identity and loyalty. On the other hand, the usual affinity of the Jewish writer with broad, universal, humanist values leads to a severance of specific Jewish ties.

This ambivalence and how it is manifest in a vareity of forms in Richler's novels, and in the works of other Jewish writers, is the burden of this well-researched scholarly work.

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The Long Walk Home

Racial injustice confronted

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Montgomery, Alabama, "the cradle of the Confederacy," was a segregated city in 1955, a town where blacks were resigned to sitting in the back of the bus. Fed up with their lot, local blacks, backed up by a national coalition of white liberals, staged a boycott of the bus company. The strategem worked, but not without struggle and sacrifice. Within a year, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a landmark decision, ruled that public transportation facilities should be desegregated. A new era in racial relations was thereby ushered in.

The Long Walk Home, very ably directed by Richard Pearce, turns on this momentous event in American civil rights. Based on an exceptional script by John Cork, a native of Montgomery, *The Long Walk Home* is moving and dignified, a film of uncommon integrity, depth and power.

Indeed, it is one of the finest films about racial injustice to come out of Hollywood.

It revolves around two strong, resolute women — Miriam Thompson (Sissy Spacek) and Odessa Cotter (Whoopi Goldberg), both of whom unblinkingly accept the conventions of their day. Miriam, a lily-white middle class lady, and Odessa, her black house maid, do not question the racial status quo in Montgomery. Being typical products of their respective backgrounds, they know their "places" in society.

Miriam is pert and attractive, a good wife, a fine mother, a proper Southern woman. Odessa works hard for a living, silently and passively accepting the slings and arrows of life as a black, returning home each night to her husband (Ving Rhames) and three children.

The Long Walk Home gets down to the business at hand without preliminaries, with two early scenes establishing its empathetic mood:

A bus stops and three black women in maid's uniforms pay the driver at the front, nonchalantly step down, re-enter through the rear door and casually take their seats in the back reserved for blacks. Even if the white section is empty, they may not move forward. They don't question this time-honored system. That's the way it is in Montgomery.

Odessa, having laid out a picnic at a local park for Miriam's children, is spotted by a motorcycle policeman. Fuming with indignation, the cop flings racial taunts at Odessa. Gruffly, he orders her to leave. When Miriam finds out what has happened, she phones the police chief to lodge a complaint. Miriam's anger is stirred not so much by Odessa's humilation as by the cop's overtly rude behavior. Miriam is not a social crusader, just a kind-hearted human being with a faint social conscience that'll develop magnificently as the bus boycott mushrooms into a cause celebre.

Observed virtually by every black in Montgomery, the boycott affects Odessa directly because she must now walk across town to reach Miriam's house. The long walk takes its toll, wearing her down. Miriam, not unmoved, offers Odessa a ride to her house a couple of times a week. Miriam has an ulterior motive. She doesn't want to be inconvenienced. But Miriam is astute enough to keep their arrangement confidential. She fears her husband's reaction. Norman (Dwight Schultz), her spouse, is a mild segregationist who, nevertheless, likes Odessa.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *The Long Walk Home* unfolds purposefully, as Odessa and Miriam find common cause in the boycott and as Miriam and Norman finally clash over her pro-civil rights views.

The Long Walk Home is studded with memorable moments. One of the best is set at a Christmas dinner, when Norman's rednecked brother, Tunker (Dylan Baker), advises whites to "hold the line," lest they gradually lose their privileges, and blacks "take over." In another effective scene, Odessa's family presents her with a pair of sturdy walking shoes, the better to help her reach Miriam's house on time. Interestingly enough, a black preacher compares the travail of his people to the biblical Children of Israel and their 40-year odyssey to Zion.

Sissy Spacek portrays Miriam as a woman who is simply "less scared" of change, of black advancement, than her fellow whites. Spacek, the very epitome of a 1950s matron, delivers a superb performance.

Whoopi Goldberg, as the patient, stoic, long-suffering Odessa, acquits herself excellently. Dwight Schultz, who played the scientist Robert Oppenheimer in *Fat Man and Little Boy*, is consistently fine.

The Long Walk Home is not only a tribute to a seminal moment in American history. It is filmmaking of a high order.

SNIPPETS

•Joseph Rubens' thriller, *Sleeping with the Enemy*, is brisk and esthetic, a showcase for the meteoric career of Julia Roberts (*Pretty Woman*). Roberts plays Laura Burney, a pampered but abused wife who runs away from her well-to-do husband, Martin (Patrick Bergin), a fastidious, love-obsessed man prone to sudden fits of violence. Roberts, who is plain-looking yet somehow fetching, is an actress of innate ability. The film, while generally captivating, is peppered with hokey touches that are passed off as chilling suspense. The ending, which is somewhat reminiscent of *Fatal Attraction*, is entirely predictable. These caveats aside, *Sleeping with the Enemy* is a credible piece of work. It's playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres.

•Jonathan Demme's *The Silence of the Lambs* is a chiller in the tradition of *Psycho*, Alfred Hitchcock's classic. Jodie Foster, in one of the great roles of her career, plays an FBI trainee who tracks down a demented serial killer with the help of an imprisoned psychiatrist who is a monster himself (Anthony Hopkins). This is riveting stuff.

Sissy Spacek (centre) in The Long Walk Home.

Exhibit presents Jews of China

JERUSALEM — The first exhibit about Judaic studies ever held in China was organized by a Chinese scholar who spent time as a researcher at the Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Professor Xu Xin of Nanjing University told Hebrew University officials in a letter that the exhibit held in December, 1990, attracted keen attention from the public and media. It was sponsored by the China Judaic Studies Association.

The exhibit presented material on the Jews of China, studies on Judaism, Zionism, Jewish literature, culture and society and the kibbutz, and information about scholarly exchanges and organization of this field of study in China.

Xu, a professor of English, has recently translated into Chinese the novel *In the Heart of the Seas* by S. Y. Agnon. He intends, if he can find funding, to launch a Chinese version of the Encyclopedia Judaica, with 1,500 entries comprising some two million Chinese characters.

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Arnold Gottlieb Gallery: To support the Canadian Red Cross in its Persian Gulf relief work, the gallery is hosting an Art, Music, Fashion and Food Show on Sunday, March 10 from 2-5 p.m. Gallery artists will each be showing a work on the theme of *War*, on view to April 4. Admission to the benefit is $10, or if you are unable to attend, a donation to the Red Cross may be sent c/o the Arnold Gottlieb Gallery, 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 313. Phone 359-0103.

Art GAllery of Ontario: The AGO has aquired a magnificent life-size bronze sculpture. Fisherboy Dancing the Tarantella, by Francisque Joseph Duret, which becomes the centrepiece of an installation in the refurbished Frank P. Wood Gallery.

A major exhibition, *Individualites: 14 Contemporary Artists from France*. Until April 27. *French Printmaking of the 18th Century*. Continues to March 17. At 317 Dundas St. W. 977-0414.

The Craft Gallery: Thirty works (1978-89) by ceramist Steven Heinemann, are included in *Objects of Sight*, at the gallery which is operated by the Ontario Crafts Council. On view until April 7. At 35 McCaul St. 977-3551.

Darlene's Gallery of Art: Featuring watercolors by Jill Segal. Through March. Also, abstracts on paper by Eric Waugh and original figurative and abstract paintings by Israeli artist Naomi Miller. Ongoing display includes posters, prints, limited editions and originals. 5919 Leslie St. 490-0107.

The Drabinsky Gallery: Peter Aspell, colorful representational oils on matt board and paintings on canvas. To March 13. Claude Tousignant, new paintings. March 16-April 6. At 86 Scollard St. 324-5766.

This 1½-metre bronze statue Fisher-boy Dancing the Tarantella was purchased with donations from AGO members.

Extension (a print and drawing gallery): *Working Drawings*, Canadian artists selected by Catherine Carmichael. Until March 13. *The Public Room*, an exhibition marking Open Studio's 20th anniversary. March 16-April 10. At 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 503. Phone 977-5311 ext. 323.

Gallery One: Joseph Drapell, *Small Paintings from Georgian Bay*. March 9-April 4. At 121 Scollard St. 929-3103

Gallery Sheila Roth: Original Canadian prints and works on paper. Also Inuit carvings from Baffin Island and Northern Quebec. 276 Avenue Rd. 920-0112.

Garnett Press Gallery: *Thirst*, brother and sister First Nation artists of Cree descent, Kenny and Rebecca Baird. Mixed media, contemporary with native motifs. Continues until April 6. At 580 Richmond St. W. 366-5012.

Glendon Gallery: *Reality and Motive in Documentary Photography*, Donigan Cumming. To March 17. Glendon College, York University, 2275 Bayview Ave. 487-6721.

Harbourfront: *Mary Kelly: Interim* (reviews the major debates in feminism since the 1970s). To April 28 at The Power Plant. *Abstract Practices I: Delavelle, Evans, Poldaas, Tousignant*, (explores contemporary abstract painting practices within the context of Post-Modernism) The Power Plant. March 15-April 28. Queen's Quay W. 973-4949.

The Isaacs Gallery: Igor Khazanov, new paintings. Until March 22. At 179 John St. 595-0770.

Jane Corkin Gallery: New works by photographer Carol Marino. Through April 13. At 179 John St. 979-1989.

Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery: *Geometric Progressions: The Great Domes of Northern and Central Italy*, black and white photography by John Taylor. Until April 14. In Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. at Dufferin. 789-7011.

Kinsman Robinson Galleries: New paintings by Rena Marcil. Through March. 112 Scollard St. 964-2374.

Koffler Gallery: *National Biennial of Ceramics*, 61 diversified works by Canadian ceramic artists. Main Gallery. Through April 18. Also, Shelley Toccalino, *Folk Art*, with contemporary quilts by John Willard. Loggia Gallery. Through April 18. 4588 Bathurst St. 636-2145.

Leo Kamen Gallery: New, large-scale paintings by Montreal artist Dominique Sarrazin. 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 406. Phone 365-9515.

Market Gallery: *Bright Lights, Big City: The History of Electricity in Toronto*, photos, artifacts and documents. March 2-June 23. South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E. 392-7604.

The McMichael Canadian Collection: *The Cowboy/Indian Show*, an exhibition by Native Canadian artist Gerald McMaster, 16 paintings dealing with such issues as Canada's Indian Act and the standoff at Oka. To April 21. Islington Ave., Kleinberg. 893-1121.

Mira Godard Gallery: Allen Smutylo, a solo show of graphics relating to a recent kayak trip to the west coast of Greenland. March 2-20. At 22 Hazelton Ave. 964-8197.

Royal Ontario Museum; *Wildlife Images in Paintings and Sculpture*. This is the last chance to see this exceptional exhibition. To March 24. At 100 Queen's Park. 586-5858.

Sandra Ainsley Gallery: Joe Philip Myers, new work, sculpture in glass. To March 31. Exchange Tower 2, First Canadian Place, (Adelaide and York) 362-4480.

Starkman Fine Arts: Janice Kover, *Scratching the Surface*, mixed media. Through March. Also, New Space opens upstairs in mid-March with Judy Singer's *Colorfield*, (Expressionism). 56 Mountain Ave. in Hamilton. (416) 521-1949.

291 Gallery: Carol Sutton *Paperchange*, mixed media works on paper. To March 17. *Hershel Kashetsky: Civilization and the Beast*, watercolors. March 21-April 10. 80 Spadina Ave., Ste. 302. Phone 364-5541.

Ydessa Hendeles Art Foundation: Diane Arbus, black and white photography. 778 King St. W. 941-9400.

Holy Blossom to present Passover concert

TORONTO —

On Monday, March 25 at 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple will present a spectacular Passover concert. Handel's monumental oratorio Israel in Egypt will be the major work, featuring the combined forces of the Holy Blossom Temple Singers and the University of Guelph Choir, under the direction of the Guelph choir's conductor, Gerald Neufeld.

Vocal soloists will be Renee Bouthot and Maureen Moore, sopranos; Elizabeth Foster, alto; and Benjamin Z. Maissner, tenor, accompanied by chamber orchestra.

The first half of the concert will feature Celebration of Psalms: a selection of psalms in a variety of styles, stretching over centuries and continents. Under the direction of Cantor Maissner, the University of Guelph Choir and the Temple Singers will perform musical settings of psalms by Salomone Rossi, Abraham Kaplan, Gershon Kingsley, Hellen Greenbert, and the distinguished Soviet composer who has recently arrived in Toronto, Yefim Adler.

This gala concert takes place at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. General admission tickets are $12; seniors and students, $8. Advance tickets are available at Holy Blossom Temple, and will be sold at the door on the night of the concert. For further details, phone 789-3291.

The University of Guelph Choir consists of students, faculty and staff from the university. It prepares a full concert each semester, with repertoire ranging from oratorios to folksongs.

Neufeld, director of the choir, is a member of the faculty of music of Guelph University. He has studied conducting in Canada and Germany, with such world-famous conductors as Helmut Rilling, Robert Shaw and Niklaus Harnoncourt.

The prolific output of Soviet composer Adler ranges from symphonies and concerti, through choral and solo vocal works, to music for children, and works for the musical theatre. He has recently made his home in Toronto.

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Ruins of spectacular city

Beit Shean resonates history

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

BEIT SHEAN, Israel — "When the Philistines came to strip the slain, they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armor . . . . and they fastened his body to the wall of Bet Shan *(Samuel I: 31, 8-10)*.

From the top of the tel of the ancient Canaanite city of Bet Shan, the mountains of Gilboa to the east seem, even 3,000 years later, forbidding. To the west lie the gentler slopes of the mountains of Gilead, the home of "all the valiant men" who came in the night to retrieve the bodies of the first king of Israel and his sons.

In the Galilee development town of Beit Shean, every step resonates with the history of the generations who have walked that ground before.

The tel itself, with its mud-brick Canaanite dwellings just beginning to be excavated, is significant for its tragic place in early Jewish history. But that is only part of the story of Beit Shean.

At the feet of the tel lie the ruins of one of the most spectacular Roman-Byzantine cities in Israel, Scythopolis.

For the past ten years, the site has been painstakingly excavated by archeologists from the Hebrew University and the antiquities division of the Ministry of Education and Culture. What they are uncovering is a 140-hectare site that includes an amphitheatre for gladiatorial spectacles, the best-preserved Roman theatre in the country, a city centre complete with public buildings, a forum, a bathhouse, and the spectacular Street of Columns dating from the Byzantine period (6th century CE).

The town, a major political and textile centre in Roman times, owes its remarkable state of preservation to the catastrophe which destroyed it.

Documents record a devastating earthquake that completely buried the town in mud, and even give the precise date and time: 10 a.m. on Jan. 18, 749 CE.

Today, many pillars still lie as they fell. As they are uncovered, the fragments surrounding them are coded and then moved to the workshops surrounding the site, where they are carefully examined and restored.

The $10 million (U.S.) project is being funded by the Tourism Administration of Beit Shean, made up of representatives from the Israel Government Tourist Corporation, the National Parks Authority, the antiquities division of the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Beit Shean regional council and the Jewish National Fund.

The site is already a major attraction, and plans are underway to build at least one hotel in the town, which was not originally conceived as a tourist centre.

One of Beit Shean's remarkable features is that the site has been opened while the excavations are still underway. Visitors, carefully fenced off from work areas, can look down on archeologists, volunteers, and workers from the town as they go about the laborious task of brushing away 1,200 years of dirt.

There are spectacular rewards: a Roman pool and fountain; an arcade of Byzantine shops; a broad basalt road stretching from the amphitheatre outside the city to the city centre; and a touching example of paternal devotion, a column inscribed to "Lucida, daughter of Casiodoros, the builder of the temple."

And behind all of this rises the tel — a site already half a millenium old when David lamented: "Saul and Jonathan were loved and dear in their lives, and in their death they were not divided."

CJN editor Patricia Rucker visited Israel in December as a guest of the Ministry of Tourism and El Al Israel Airlines.

At 1.75 metres (5'9"), CJN editor Patricia Rucker found the ceilings of Bar Kochba's hidden tunnels a little low.

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Travel

Travel agents from across Canada stop at the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem during their tour of Israel.

Travel agents enthusiastic about Israel

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO — The 35 Canadian travel agents returning from a 10-day trip to Israel were tired. But their fatigue could not dampen their enthusiasm for the country they had just left.

"I want to go back," they said unanimously. And, they added, they want to bring lots of tourists with them.

The Israeli Government Tourist Office in Toronto, and El Al Israel Airlines, which sponsored and arranged the trip, are working to ensure that they do just that.

Between March 20 and 27, they will host five seminars across Canada, in Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver.

Tourism to Israel slumped during the months leading up to the Gulf War, and has almost disappeared since the outbreak of hostilities.

But Yehuda Shen, the ebullient director of the IGTO office in Canada, fully expects that the Passover/Easter season will see a turnaround, and he is launching a full campaign for late spring and summer.

"We already see the first signs of a much better situation," he said, noting that several tour groups have booked for March.

Shen is also looking to expand the market. "Although El Al is now the only carrier flying into Israel — and we of course work very closely with El Al — we will do our utmost to bring the European carriers back to the market through Canada.

"We are going to invest efforts and funds to promote tours that combine a European destination with Israel. Israel, of course, is the emphasis," he said.

The consensus of the Canadian agents, who visited the country in mid-December, was that, as soon as the Gulf situation stabilized, Israel would be a prime tourist attraction.

"Israel? Sun, sea and sand . . . culture, beauty and charm . . . the past, the present, the future . . . it's all there. You should be too," said Truth Dunlop of R. I. Harris Travel in London, Ont.

"Loved it! It was beyond all my expectations," Susan Getchell of Seaside Travel in Yarmouth, N.S., said.

The majority of the agents, who came from every region of Canada except the territories, had never been to Israel before.

Their itinerary ranged from the excavations of the Roman city at Beit Shean to the spa at Ein Gedi, and included both Jewish and Christian historical sites.

Their introduction to Israel began on a flight which carried a joint Jewish-Christian solidarity mission, and which included a sight rare on any other airline, but common on El Al — 20 or so men, tallesim draped over everything from sport shirts to Chassidic frock coats, praying at the back of the plane.

By the end of the trip, the Canadians were taking Israel's infinite variety of people and scenery in stride.

Getchell spontaneously linked the two: "Planting the trees [in a Jewish National Fund forest in Jerusalem] and the Children's Memorial [at Yad Vashem] were very emotional for the whole group."

The best indicator of the success of the tour came during the closing dinner at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

Amid the jokes and the memories, the gifts to the tour guide and bus driver, Bill Maguire of Maguire Travel Service in Cobourg, Ont. rose to thank the Ministry of Tourism and El Al officials who had hosted the group.

"We believe the best way to thank you," Maguire said, "is to come back — soon — and bring our tour groups with us."

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Career Stakeout

By CHARLES WAGNER

Unemployment. This conjures up unwanted and disturbing images.

We are all too aware of today's economy making little room for people without skills. High school graduates and recent immigrants have too little experience.

People working at businesses for years now find themselves laid off and feeling obsolete. Often, both spouses have to work to make ends meet, but the homemaker, having been out of the labor force for a number of years, may not have the up-to-date skills demanded in today's marketplace.

The question for these people is how to gain entry into the job market.

One obvious solution is to go back to school and learn the skills that employers require. Those concerned about the cost of going to school should investigate the financial assistance programs offered by the government to help students of all ages.

OSAP is an acronym for the Ontario Student Assistance Program. Of the programs OSAP offers, the three most often used are the Canada Student Loans Plan, the Ontario Study Grant Plan and the Ontario Student Loans Plan.

To qualify for OSAP, the post-secondary institutions have to be ones approved by OSAP.

The Canada Student Loan Plan is available for Ontario students enrolled in full-time studies that are at least 12 weeks in length. The Ontario Student Loan Plan is available to eligible students enrolled in a program of study that is at least four weeks in length.

These loans are interest free while you are at school and for six months after you stop being a student.

The Ontario Study Grant Plan is a grant towards the cost of post-secondary study and tuition. It does not have to be repaid. It is for post-secondary studies that are at least 10 weeks in length.

The combination of all these funds often make it possible for students to go to school who otherwise might be unable to afford to do so.

If you meet the residency requirements and are either a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident, then you are eligible to apply for OSAP assistance. How much can be received will depend on the financial situation of the student.

Those considered Group A students must also submit thier parents' financial information. (Group A students are not married, divorced, widowed, separated with dependent children or a sole-support parents with dependent children.)

Another financial assistance program is Transitions. This program offers a $5,000 training credit for those who are 45 years or older and have been laid off, or who have owned a self-employed business which failed.

This is not a loan. It means that once you are approved by Transitions, you may study an approved course, which will be paid for with no costs or obligations to you.

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World challenged by crumble of communist system: expert

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

The greatest moral challenge of all times is upon us, a Harvard University professor says.

Jeffrey Sachs told a standing-room only crowd at the University of Toronto that this opportunity was caused by the political revolution in 1989. Hundreds of billions of people escaped from the scourge of communist rule in Eastern Europe.

"The challenge in front of these countries is profound. The crisis caused by 45 years of communism ... the legacy of Stalinist economics and the brutality of the communist system is deep but we hope not enduring."

The international trade expert said there are no textbooks that map the route of how a country should move from socialism to capitalism. While difficult and challenging, transformation is possible, Sachs added.

"The point that I would stress is that our focus should not be solely on conversion but rather more to question how to integrate countries that have been excluded from the European mainstream."

Sachs cited Poland as an example of what is involved in the process of economic integration. He compared Poland's situation today to that of Spain's before it became a major success story and a role model for other European countries.

"The goal is clear; it is to join the European Community in 10 years and to adopt the structures and strategies of Western European countries. The point that I will stress is that while there are enormous challenges in carrying out that program, it is a process that can be achieved."

Sachs said there is one vast political difference between Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union — the Soviet Union remains a communist state and will continue to do so until there is a move to fundamental democracy. Until then, Sachs, said the reforms will be half-hearted and ultimately will fail.

State ownership

To understand what Poland must do to achieve integration, he said, it is important to realize the legacy of communist rule. Sachs said that Poland, based on 1989 data, may be considered a middle-income developing country much like Brazil. Other factors including a high life expectancy rate, a low infant mortality rate and the emphasis placed on education mean that Poland resembles the rest of Europe.

However, upon closer inspection, consumer durables are almost non-existent, Sachs said, adding that only 12 people out of 100 own a telephone.

At the same time, a 1988 study of the labor force revealed the employment picture by population in various sectors — 13 per cent, agriculture; 60 per cent, industry; and 26 per cent, service.

Sachs said these numbers are not an exception, but rather the rule in communist countries. He added that while communism produces large coal mines and steel mills, the system produces few real estate companies, banks and restaurants.

Another legacy of communism is state ownership. He said that in Poland even today approximately 60 to 70 per cent of industry remains state-owned. While there is state ownership in Western European countries, Sachs said that percentage is small.

One final aspect of the communist legacy is that central planners like big industry. Sachs said there are no small firms in Poland today. He said this is a problem because it is the flexibility of small firms working with large industrial firms that fuels market transactions.

Sachs again compared Spain and Poland from 1950 to 1988. During the 1950s, these countries had similar economic case scenarios. For example, both were ravaged by war, their economies were largely agricultural and ruled by landlords. They were both situated on the peripheral of the European Community.

In 1950, Poland had a per capita income of $755 (U.S.) while Spain's was $516 (U.S.). However, by 1988, Spain had nothing but positive growth because it had become fully integrated within the European Community. Poland's per capita income was $1,860 (U.S.) while Spain's was $7,740 (U.S.).

Sachs said that as far as Poland was concerned, the government attributed its lagging behind to the lack of modern technology. As a result, Poland borrowed heavily from the West during the 1970s.

Sachs said that by 1977 the perfect lesson had been learned for economics — it wasn't the lack of resources, it was the system. He said that all of the borrowing and construction produced nothing in terms of an increased capacity to export.

The result was that the failure of export promotion made creditors realize this was a dead end. Sachs said the loans dried up and Poland was the first country to go into debt crisis in 1977.

Political turmoil

These debts totalled $27 billion (U.S.) and reached $46 billion (U.S.) at the end of 1990.

Poland's debt crisis led to deep political turmoil from which the solidarity movement grew in 1980, Sachs said.

However, the government tried to clamp down in order to make debt service payments. Marshall law was declared at the end of 1981.

The period after 1985 saw Poland's economy in a dismal state. Sachs said it became obvious to the bankrupt government that something had to be done.

Eventually, the communist government began the partial liberalization of the economy by introducing reforms. Sachs said this involved the presentation of socialism into market economics.

"Market socialism is almost a guaranteed failure because it involves applying pieces of a market economy without fully understanding what makes this type of economy tick — private ownership."

While the industrial enterprises remained in state hands, they operated arm's length market transactions among themselves rather than direct plans coming through the central planners, Sachs said.

Beginning in 1980, as the central pressure was lifted, the enterprises were told to run themselves — to an extent, he said.

As the workers' councils were allowed to vote and gained stature, they began to look around and question the system. As a consequence, there was a wage war, Sachs said. In fact, the real wage rose by 29 per cent in a four-year span. At the same time, Poland was experiencing a sharp decline in productivity.

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Business Outlook

Officials accuse Japan of treating Israel unfairly

NEW YORK (JTA) —
As an outgrowth of the Persian Gulf war, Japanese banks and companies have sharply curtailed their transactions with Israel, Israeli and American Jewish officials contend.

They accuse Japan of unfairly treating Israel as a combatant in the conflict.

The issue was expected to be taken up during last week's visit to Israel by the Japanese deputy foreign minister, who also brought an official condolence message for the victims of the Iraqi Scud missile attacks on Israel, Israeli officials here said.

Information about the disruption in financial and trade relations between the two countries was released by the World Jewish Congress last month. Officials made public a letter from the head of the Israel-Japan Friendship Society and Chamber of Commerce, in which Japanese banks are accused of, among other things, withholding funds to be transferred to Israeli companies.

The letter, sent by chairman Elchanan Harel to the Japanese ambassador to Israel, charges that the non-governmental Japanese Bankers Association has recommended to member banks they suspend dealings with their Israeli counterparts. Harel wrote that banks then advised their client companies to cease trade with Israel.

"It is difficult to understand that Israel will receive the same 'treatment' as the countries involved in the war, as Israel is not involved, has not declared war and is not in a state of war," wrote Harel in the letter.

Harel pointed out that Israeli companies had always been financially responsible in their dealings with Japanese firms, and he demanded that Japan adhere to the "business as usual" policy Israel was maintaining with its other trade partners.

The Israeli deputy consul in New York, Mordechai Yedid, said Japanese businesses decided this so as not to "favor trade with Israel" in the midst of cutbacks to Gulf countries directly involved in the fighting, such as Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

The diminished trade and financial ties between the two countries is of particular concern because of the tendency of Japanese companies to closely follow the Arab-led economic boycott of Israel.

Organizations monitoring compliance have documented at least two dozen Japanese companies — including Matsushita, Casio, Toshiba and Toyota — that adhere to the economic boycott.

Japan, which must import all of its oil, is considered to be particularly dependent on Arab oil producers, and observers attribute the boycott of Japanese companies to this dependence.

Although done without government approval, American Jewish and Israeli officials would like to see the Japanese government institute an anti-boycott law, similar to the one approved a few years ago by the American government.

An analyst with the Japan Economic Institute in Washington said Japanese companies were poorly equipped to deal with crisis, so that when a crisis did erupt Japanese companies could do little more than remove their business as quickly as possible.

Douglas Ostrom said the Gulf crisis, starting when foreign workers were stranded in Baghdad shortly after the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, led many Japanese companies to try and exit the region as quickly as possible, with little regard for which country was or was not directly involved.

"The Japanese are relatively new in the multinational business and for that reason they haven't thought through setting up crisis management — what to do if employees are stranded in a war zone or there is a sudden freezing of assets," said Ostrom, who works for a non-profit research group partially funded by the Japanese government.

Israeli and American Jewish officials have also complained about a two-week cessation in postal service between the two countries, which affected most Middle Eastern countries. Service to Israel resumed Feb. 1 after the Israeli ambassador to Japan lodged complaints with the Japanese authorities.

In a memo privately circulated to members of his organization, Harel added that since the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, Japanese companies have been more hesitant in their dealings with Israel.

He wrote that companies sometimes demand that Israeli letters of credit be backed by foreign banks or that payment be made in advance. Harel charged that many businesses were refusing to ship merchandise to Israel and had stopped ordering merchandise from Israel.

Reports of such an economic slowdown were denied by the Japanese vice consul here, who said the Japanese government was in fact urging companies and banks to show greater flexibility in their dealings with Israel.

Trade between the two countries is not considered very large, although it has been steadily growing over the past few years, officials from both countries said.

In 1990, Japan imported $682.7 million (U.S.) worth of Israeli goods, while Japan exported to Israel $395 million (U.S.) worth of goods, figures provided by the Japanese consulate show.

B.C. has instituted a new court program

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —
British Columbia has simplified the process of suing in the Small Claims Court.

Under new regulations, which went into effect on Feb. 25, those involved in the dispute must have settlement conferences with a judge before cases are scheduled for trial.

Under the old act, cases set for trial went directly to court and, says Attorney Russell Fraser, often wasted a lot of court time. Under the new system, the suits can be handled more quickly and more efficiently, he said.

In addition, the new system cuts out the legalese from what the government terms "the people's court" and makes the process easy to understand and more accessible.

As well as converting legal jargon into "plain language," the court now can handle claims up to $10,000, as compared to $3,000 previously.

At the pre-trial meeting of the disputants, the judge will determine exactly what issues need to be dealt with at the trial, or if a trial is necessary.

"This is the only court program of its kind in Canada," Fraser said.

"In fact, our research indicates that no other jurisdiction in North America has developed a comparable program.

"Our courts need to be easy to use and the system must be understandable. This new program gives everyone a chance to have a day in court," he added.

"The process is simple and straightforward. The information booklets and the forms are written in plain English so that people without a lawyer can use the justice system to resolve many disputes."

Under the program, documents may be served by mail and failure to obey a judge's order may result in imprisonment. If payment is ordered, the judge must ask the debtor how and when payment will be made.

Fraser said the payment schedules and the settlement conferences are expected to reduce both the number of trials and the enforcement actions often needed to ensure that payments are made.

Information booklets on each step of the small claims process are available in the reference centre of public libraries and in government offices.

The new system was developed by a small claims task force set up two years ago. It was tested first in Vancouver and Prince George.

World challenged: trade expert

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The government's answer to service payment of the ever-increasing debt was to print money, Sachs said.

"The result is that you have more money chasing the same or fewer goods and price controls — you don't get open inflation, you get massive shortages.

"All this political instability, along with Gorby's (Mikhael Gorbachev's) brave and decent freeing up of control, lead to an acceleration of democracy.

"When you put all the pieces together, political liberalization, the blatant growth of Solidarity, the thirst to be rid of communism, the growing macro-economic instability and the fury of the realization by the Polish people that the communists were doing them wrong for all those years, but now they were about to steal the state property ... if you put that brew together, it is truly explosive."

Sachs called the Solidarity movement's gain of power in August 1989 a stunning political victory.

"Solidarity inherited one of the most complicated economic environments ever seen," Sachs said, adding that most cynics expected the new government to fall flat on its face.

How the new government should proceed was the next issue that had to be addressed. Sachs said the end goal was still to create a full-fledged market economy with the ownership structure of Western Europe.

The tactical moves suggested included: freeing prices, opening foreign exchange, moving the value of their money to more acceptable levels and introducing competition into the system.

To do all this there were several basic things that had to be done. Among the measures suggested in the January 1990 package were: eliminating the budget deficit; implementing wage controls; devaluing the exchange rate and instituting price controls.

Sachs said that at the same time a large number of legal changes were introduced to protect private property. After all these alterations, it was known that the measures were still not enough to move Poland into a market economy because the privatization of the state sector had not been achieved, he said.

The results of these measures were extensive.

Sachs said that hyperinflation ended, shortages were eliminated, prices were lowered, and exports increased — in effect, Poland was recreated.

The one factor that remained a problem was the high rate of unemployment. The official figures indicate that unemployment jumped from zero per cent to 6.8 per cent in 1990. Sachs said that there is sufficient evidence to suggest that these figures are overstated. As Poland has no welfare system in place, the burden of income support was born by unemployment insurance.

Where does this leave Poland today?

"Poland had taken important steps towards a market economy. Is it therefore assured that Poland will become a market economy in the style of Western Europe? Unfortunately, far from it."

Sachs said three important bottlenecks influence the situation. The first is Poland's low standard of living. Forty-five years of communism devastated the country, Sachs said.

Polluted cities, a damaged environment and the political instability make Poland's future economic position extremely volitile.

"The second risk is the failure to privatize," Sachs said, adding that the present proposed plan has to overcome several barriers. The process will be hampered by misunderstandings and lack of knowledge, as well as widespread opposition.

The third factor concerns the whole issue of Poland's foreign debt. Sachs called this the greatest external barrier standing in the way of Poland's successful integration with the rest of Europe.

"The debts cannot be paid and this is taken as a matter of fact among leaders. Western governments are afraid of precedent problems of cancelling the debt."

Sachs said if all these factors are met, the one final step will be for the West to decide firmly that Eastern Europe should be welcomed back into the community.

"If that commitment is made and it becomes clear to the Polish people that all their hardships will result in Poland rejoining Europe in the form of membership in the European Community, I'm very sure this will succeed."

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Tropical travel can be risky, if not immunized

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Staying healthy while travelling in third world countries is a matter of common sense and good luck says the director of the tropical disease unit at The Toronto Hospital.

"There are a number of risks when travelling in the tropics, but with proper precautions these risks can definitely be minimized," Jay Keystone told a meeting of the Canadian Chapter of the Israel Medical Association.

Keystone told the group that first and foremost, when planning the trip, the traveller must get immunized. "There are routine, required and recommended immunizations and we immunize according to risk not according to country. In other words, tourists heading for hotels do not need as great a protection as those planning to go off the usual tourist routes."

He stressed that a lot of vaccines need a lead time before they become effective so travellers must get to the doctor in plenty of time. "We usually recommend that travellers come in at least two months prior to the trip," Keystone said.

He said that it is essential to bring a good sun tan oil or sun block, and insect repellent, especially for children. "An oil categorized at number 15 will provide reasonable protection and still allow a small bit of tan. As for insect repellent, find one that is effective against the malaria mosquito."

Keystone said that another way to protect a traveller from insects is to avoid walking barefoot. "Tourists have been known to get such things as larva under their skin from walking around without shoes and socks."

To protect oneself from various stomach ailments, Keystone cautioned travellers to purify water, including icecubes, cook food well and wash and peel their own fruits and vegetables.

"I often recommend travellers to drink only carbonated beverages because organisms do not multiply as fast in these drinks. There are also water purifiers that filter and virtually sterilize water. These are excellent for those going off the beaten track."

He added that when swimming, stay away from fresh water in which there is a tremendous amount of bacteria.

For those planning to mingle with strangers while abroad, Keystone urged them to take precautions against AIDS. "As well, take the proper precautions against malaria and if a fever develops see a doctor immediately. Malaria is definitely a medical emergency."

Mission hospitals rate high

He said that if it is necessary to visit a hospital, make it a mission hospital rather than a government hospital. "Missionaries have the best hospitals in the world."

As a final note, Keystone told the group that proper road safety is essential. "Avoid motorcycles and overcrowded vehicles — anything where safety procedures are not practiced. Drivers in these countries are not always as careful as we are here."

Keystone said that he cannot say there are no risks when travelling in third world countries but the risks are certainly worth taking. "Travellers can learn an awful lot by meeting people from different countries and learning about their customs and culture."

The Israel Medical Association was formed in 1945 in order to secure a partnership of physicians from all parts of the world interested in assisting with the continued development of the highest standards of medicine in Israel.

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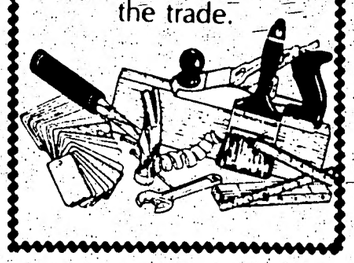

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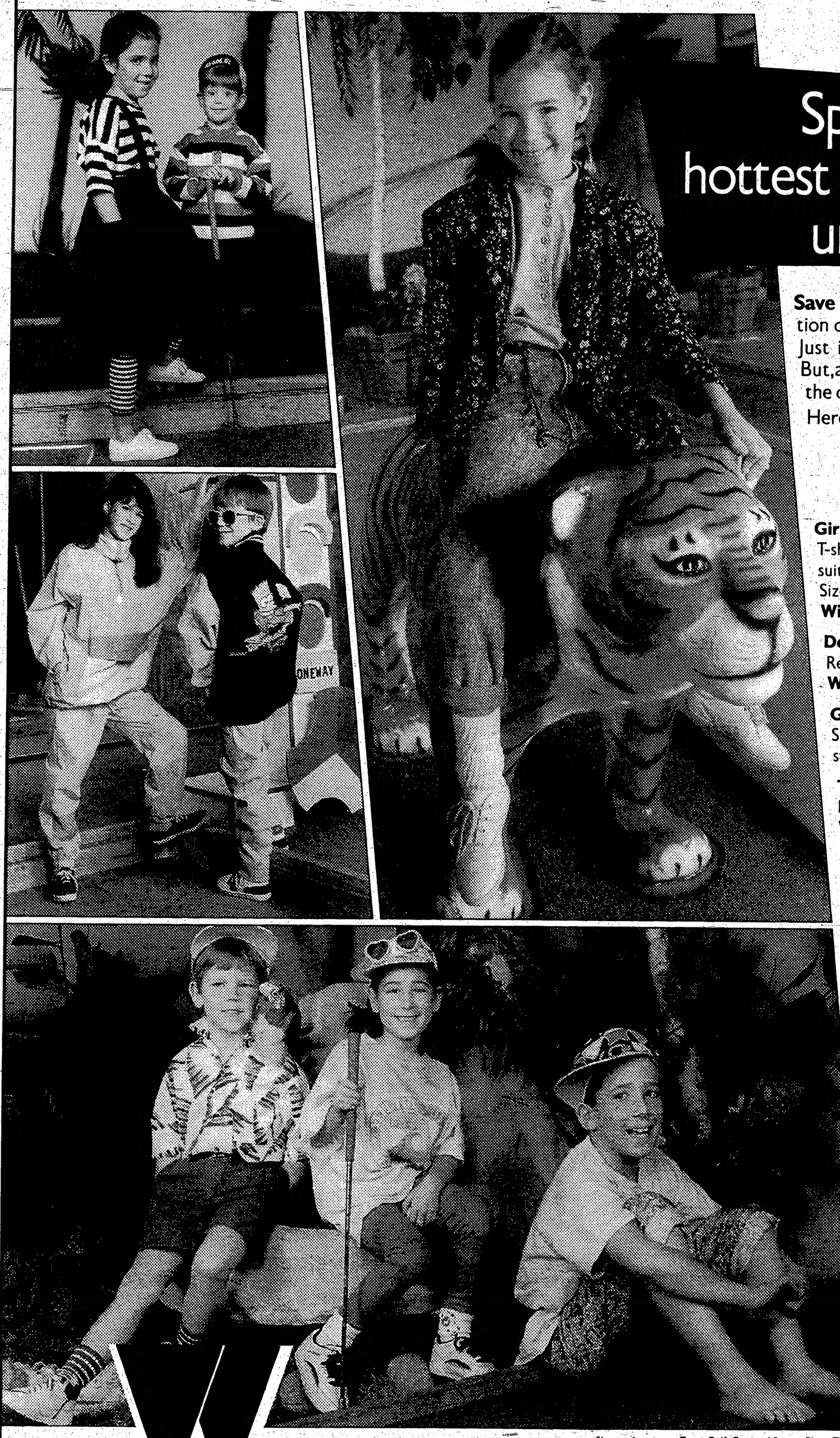

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Versatility called crucial to Carriere's success

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

In the present tougher economy, most career women are being cautious with the disposable income they have alloted for wardrobe changes or updates, said the Toronto sales representative for the Carriere collection.

"The name that describes what's going on today is investment dressing. Most women are willing to spend money on clothing but the outfits have to be versatile," said Julianne Steinberg, who has been with the company nearly two years.

Although the company is 13 years old, the name was changed from Arpeges to Carriere three years ago due to possible infringement of a patent on a perfume. Steinberg said that Montreal designer Sandra Angleozzi has been with the line since its inception.

For spring, Steinberg said there are three main groupings. What she described as the collection's bread-and-butter is a navy and cream grouping. These nautical styles offer the customer perfect 9 to 5 fashions with a twist.

The second grouping is navy and yellow. Popular in this color story are the two-piece separates that supply the versatility that most customers are demanding.

Steinberg said two-piece garments allow the customer to mix-and-match prints with solids, and alter the look of an outfit by combining different styles.

The third color story is periwinkle and celery. One of the main sellers in this grouping is the single-breasted jacket. Steinberg said that while the piece mimics the European oversized, slouched-shoulder look, it has been tailored so the appearance is cleaner and more professional.

Multi-colored jacket (left) and Chanel-inspired coat dress are by Carriere. (M-J Crete photo)

Traditionally, Carriere has also offered a line of pastels, and for spring, those colors include rose pink, celery and powder blue. Steinberg added that this grouping does well all across the board.

A small grouping of silks are being offered for both day and evening wear as well as a line that Steinberg referred to as crinkle silk. Although there aren't many brights in the collection, this grouping features shades of purple, fuchsia, celery and a co-ordinating print in vivid, jewel tones.

One change that has been made in the collection is the length of the skirts. Traditionally, Carriere has designed the skirt so it falls just below the knee but now an above-the-knee style has been added to the firm's roster.

Steinberg was quick to point out that the while the average Canadian woman does not want to wear a mini skirt, variety has to be available.

Is it the variety, the wearability or the versatility that can be attributed to Carriere's steady growth?

"For the past two years the economy had not been great, but we have seen nothing but growth. It is a tougher market," she said, adding that the classical styling of the clothing as opposed to trendy fashions has added to the Carriere clientele.

"This is no time for the avant garde to enter the industry unless the company stays at the lower price end," Steinberg replied when asked to give advice to someone who is just starting out.

For the future, Steinberg plans to give the Carriere label a higher profile outside major urban centres.

COVER PHOTO

The lady in Chinese red. Designer Sunny Choi models a four-ply crepe jacket and silk chiffon skirt from her spring collection. Our four-page focus section, entitled Designing Women, begins on page 8. It features full-color sketches created exclusively for these pages. (Styled by Marie Moore. Photo by Marie-Josee Crete)

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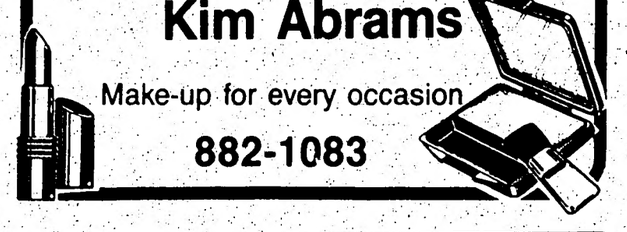

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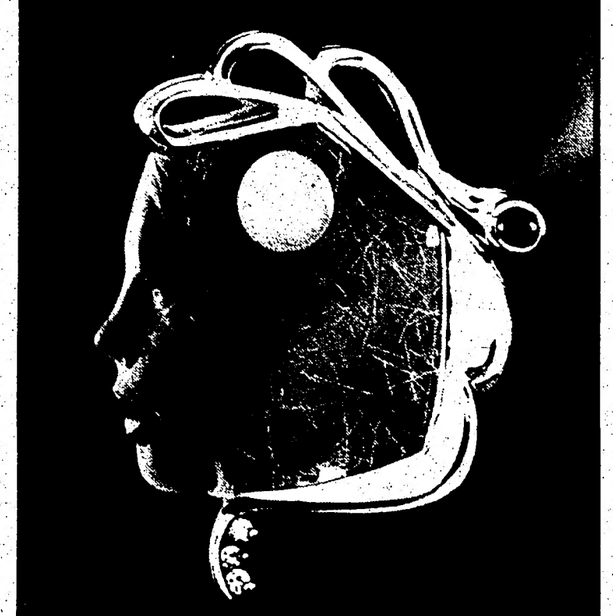

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Affordability is firm's buzzword

By
MARIE MOORE

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Bonnie Grundman said the company's philosophy, which will not waver despite the economy, is to offer a wide selection at prices that are not an issue.

"Season after season, we refine and rethink the collection ... ensuring that a full range of pieces are available.

"When we've gone into the market to put our line together, we've always gone that extra step and taken the time to find exactly what we wanted at the prices our customers could afford. We've put ourselves in a position that guarantees us some success in today's budget-conscious economy."

Grundman said that as women don't have a lot of time to put things together, earring and necklace sets, which retail from $30 to $40, are appealing.

She said service is another key issue. The company serves its clients by presenting marketing strategies to the retailer including advising them about the value of easily read price tags and tidy displays. Garbo also holds supplier meetings at which they are encouraged to learn about the line through demonstrations in the basics in face, style and body analysis as well as scarf-tying techniques.

"By focussing on a 'partnership' with our retailers, we feel that we're building a better future for Garbo. Our newsletter (distributed to stores three times a year) and regular in-store visits keep both sides 'tuned-in' to what's happening with the business."

Nautical theme

The spring collection incorporates dozens of groupings, ranging from whimsical T.G.I.F. pieces to classic pearls.

"The T.G.I.F. line was designed for when you take off your work clothes and let your hair down. This is for fun. We've selected denim fabric and burnished or brushed metallics in comic designs — like crocodiles behind the wheel of an old Chevie."

The Waterway grouping is eye-catching. Rich with blue-green sealife figures, this fresh-faced selection is perfect for spring. Starfish and seashells are accented with gold or silver, then finished with mauve, aqua, turquoise and azure highlights.

Pearls are mandatory this season. Garbo's latest collection is inspired by a "cleaned-up '60s look and will be an ideal choice for brides and retro-fashion buffs."

Garbo is the exclusive distributor in Canada of the Anne Klein accessory line, which Grundman expects to sell well.

Jewelry, hair accessories and key rings from the New York-based label feature matte gold and silver finishes. Geometric Xs and Os, flattened-circles and squares, textured chains, cosmic symbols, cut-out flowers, pearls and lots of balls will line up next to Klein's Leo grouping on the shelves.

Klein items are pricier than their Garbo counterparts, ranging from $18 to $25 for most earrings.

Higher price points also affect the roster of retail locations where you'll find the Klein collection. For example, Brettons, One Plus One, Kristy Allen, Holly's, Holt Renfrew, Dalmy's, Antels and La Maison Simon (Montreal) will carry Klein, but may choose not to purchase Garbo.

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Fashion

When in Roman, dress in hand-painted silk

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

When Dana Roman began handpainting silk wall hangings as a hobby about 13 years ago, little did she dream it would turn into a flourishing business.

Roman, who sells her line of silk clothing and accessories under the name Artacious, grew so big she had to move the business from home to a warehouse.

Roman designs each garment out of white Chinese silk and then paints each one individually with a special silk dye from France. The result is an outfit that can be worn with flare at any evening event, formal or semi-formal.

For this spring's line, Roman has chosen vibrant colors such as fuchsia, mustard yellow, turquoise and green to make her silk outfits come alive. A three-piece pant outfit consists of a turquoise tone-on-tone blouse, black pants and a turquoise, hot pink and purple knee-length jacket with broad shoulders and a pleated bodice.

She explained that the tone-on-tone effect is achieved by painting the garment turquoise and then sprinkling it with salt while the paint is still wet.

"Depending where the salt falls, the tone effect can take on many different designs."

She also uses alcohol to vary the designs on her outfits.

"I paint the garment and when it dries I paint it with alcohol in various spots so that the color separates and changes the original design. I like to experiment a lot so that I am always coming up with original ideas."

Although her line is mostly evening wear, she does show a two-piece skirt and elastic-waisted top in a fuchsia and light blue design that can be worn to synagogue or any luncheon or matinee. She also shows individual blouses and pants so that several outfits can be mixed and matched.

"People want to get value for their money and the best way to do that is to buy a basic skirt that can be worn with many different blouses, jackets or tops."

One of Roman's favorite interchangeable outfits for this spring is a halter top, blouse, pants and skirt in fuchsia, yellow, turquoise and green.

"The pants can be worn with the halter top, the skirt with the blouse and then everything can be interchanged. The outfit can be made to look fussy for the evening or sporty for a weekend afternoon."

She also designs scarves in every size, color and shape imaginable.

"Take a plain black dress and add to it a hand-painted silk shawl in vibrant pinks, blues and yellows, and it is no longer a plain black dress. This type of thing does wonders when one cannot purchase a new outfit but wants a change."

Her silk necklaces, bracelets and button earrings also add a finishing touch to a handpainted outfit or an outfit currently in your wardrobe that just needs that little bit of color.

Scarves accessorize Dana Roman's silk hand-painted garments.

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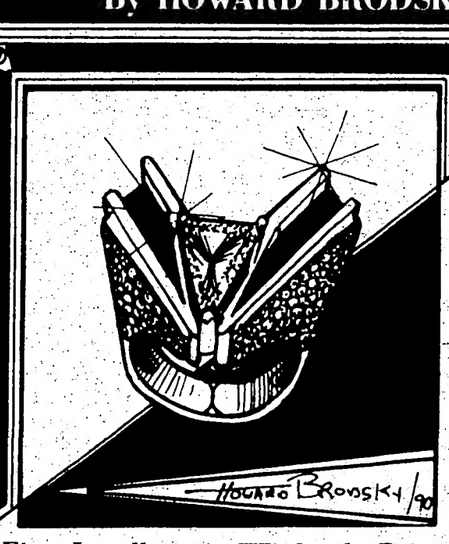

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Line's fit said vital to appeal

By SHARI SCHWARTZ

Quality workmanship, excellent fit and the ability to co-ordinate all groupings of separates are the trademarks of Glensport. As such, it is one of the most popular ladies sportswear lines available in Ontario.

"We find a lot of women return to Glensport because of the terrific fit — most garments have elastics at the side and the sizes range from 4 to 20, said Ruth Fournier, who with her husband, Richard, operates the Richard Fournier Sales Agency, representatives of Glensport in Ontario.

"Another popular feature of the line is the fact that the designers are not afraid to introduce 'newness' each season in terms of detail and color."

For spring, Glensport moves away from the brights to the water color shades — sage green, turquoise, seafoam green and coral pink — while the classics (navy, white and beige) still retain their popularity.

Glensport walking shorts, capri pants/pedal pushers, long and short jackets, abstract and floral prints all make a big hit this spring.

The emphasis on co-ordinated groupings of separates is evident throughout the entire line. The turquoise group, for example, has a bomber jacket with open lapel, pleated tucking on shoulder and elasticized waist, while the longer, single-button blazer has a notch lapel, yolk back and pleated shoulders. Both are co-ordinated with matching pleated below-the-knee skirt, walking shorts, capri pants, and longer straight pants.

The sage green group contains a basic blazer with long shawl collar, pleated pants, walking shorts and skirt. One of the most attractive ensembles is the short-sleeved ivory blouse with sage green polka dots and sailor collar, complemented by a pleated skirt with reverse color polka dots.

"Women are much more budget conscious these days, and by co-ordinating clothing they can mix-and-match and have four outfits instead of just two," Fournier said.

Abstract prints and detailing also play a prominent role in the Glensport line. For instance, a short-sleeved blouse in royal, turquoise and gold abstract print is teamed with matching walking shorts and skirt. Another example is a short-sleeved pleated white shirt with embroidered seashell and coral applique on the front pocket.

Glensport is available at many boutiques in Toronto including Irene Hill, Casa, Orquidea, China Temple and Cullen Gardens.

Glensport produces a line of co-ordinating sportswear that is noted for its fit.

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Quality starts and finishes chapter on Part Two

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

There is no part one to Part Two, said the Toronto sales representative for the Danish clothing line.

Karen Williams explained that Part Two is the Canadian subsidiary of In-Wear, an international company, with headquarters in Copenhagen. The line has been sold in Canada for the past three years.

Part Two echoes the parent company in image. The line may be characterized as one that is fashion-forward but still treads upon traditional edge. Williams said it is a line that does well as office and weekend wear.

She said that while the styling is classic, exclusive prints are added to update the line and keep the look fresh.

Some of the fabrics that are used include cotton, viscose, twills and coated poplins. Williams explained that the color stories are sold as a product group, not as commodity pieces.

As far as colors go, customers can look forward to the brighter shades this spring. Spicy colors such as bright orange, banana, blue and emerald green are used to accent the line.

In addition to the spicy tones, there is what Williams called the base delivery, which includes colors such as straw, navy, beige and white. Another line is in navy and red with shades of gold as accents.

Styling for jackets is boxy and full. Pants are cut closer to the body, and Williams said Part Two sells three basic styles of the pleated pant. The exclusive prints allows the customer to build her own wardrobe.

There are five or six colored prints that are designed to match the line. As a marketing strategy, a mini catalogue is included with each piece that suggests what selection may be made to build a wardrobe.

From the collection, it is easy to discern three groupings. The prints incorporates the polka dot and southern-France floral themes. The second is what Williams described as the globe-trotter grouping while the third includes the nautical look.

Williams has worked within the fashion industry for many years. She gained her experience from working in retail stores, attending Toronto's International Academy of Merchandising and Design, working in the wholesale sector, and ultimately, to the position of sales representative to both Simon Chang and Part Two.

Based on this experience, Williams predicted that Part Two is one of the collections that can survive tougher economic times.

She said that the line is wearable for either career, office or weekend wear. The collection consists of what she called mileage pieces.

Williams added that once people purchase Part Two clothing, they like the quality of the garments, the fit and the service that accompany the buying of the piece. They simply keep coming back for more, she said.

"This has been proven time and time again."

She said a definite shift took place in the fashion industry. Society's recent move to environmentally-friendly products has been incorporated into the fashion sector. This includes the Part Two collection, Williams said.

She cited the wearability of the clothing, and the types of print that are available as being two examples of how women can recycle their clothing and still wear the most current fashions.

Long and short — a safari shirt tops shorts.

In-Wear is noted for its elegant styles that feature sophisticated detailing.

The stability of the company does not seem to be an issue for Williams. In total, the company does over $280 million (U.S.) in business around the world annually, and the Part Two collection is distributed in 18 countries.

So, how does one top this performance? How about a Part Three?

Nu-Mode offers pastels

By
SHARI SCHWARTZ

If you can imagine walking into Nu-Mode Dress Co. 40 years ago when it began, you can also imagine what the company is like today.

It's still abuzz with activity, electric with excitement, with sales representatives and stylists discussing vociferously fashion trends and new looks.

Along with the excitement and activity the dedication is also still there — a solid commitment to provide Canadian women with fashion — forward, quality dresses.

Nu-Mode is a division of Dylex Ltd. and is Canada's largest manufacturer of dresses under one label. Nu-Mode dresses can be found at most major department stores and many independent stores across the country.

One of Nu-Mode's areas of expertise is fashions for the bridal party. Pastels remain the norm this spring with several new colors such as American Beauty red resurfacing after many years.

Floral prints in bridal wear have also made a comeback. In terms of style structure, "We find the off-the-shoulder portrait neckline to be very popular this spring because of its soft, romantic look," explained Nu-Mode sales representative Norman Greenberg.

Bridal party members are also looking at two-piece suits as a viable option because "they want something they can wear not just to the wedding but for other occasions," he said.

This spring, dress wear lengths are shorter, and natural fabrics have taken the lead. The solid colors, such as fuchsia and green, retain their popularity as do stripes, dots and floral prints.

A cotton knit blue dress with ribbed texture and gold buttons on the neck line and at the hips has an interesting wedge shape.

For a night out on the town, Nu-Mode offers an attractive two-piece purple outfit with knee-length skirt and draping top with beading around the neckline and purple buttons down the front.

Nu-Mode's ability to bring together complementary colors and shapes is most evident in an attractive outfit which combines a sleeveless beige top with crossover neck, black bottom skirt with arrow metal appliques and long red coat jacket with jagged lapel and matching metal applique.

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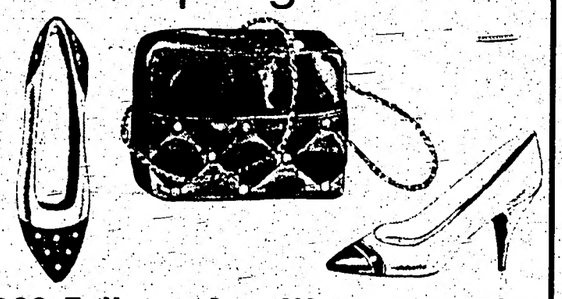
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Contemporary styles, bold colors make children's lines just Beauty's

By
MOURA WOLPERT

Chou Chou for the modern infant, Zou Zou for the trendy toddler.

With these two lines, a well-known Canadian manufacturer of children's wear enters a new era of bold and stylish design for the youngest set.

Once known primarily for its basic baby wear, Hamilton-based Beauty Industries makes its bid for the upscale, contemporary market with clothes that reflect today's trends to the bright and colorful, the different and unusual.

The clothes are designed, says marketing manager Janet Kydd, "for the contemporary mother who is experimental in her own clothing."

That's a far cry from the bibs, baby pants and flannel nightgowns that marked the company's entry into the children's market in 1940.

Even earlier, from 1932, in fact, Beauty Industries was manufacturing hair- and nail-care products. Branching out to vinyl baby pants from plastic capes and bonnets for hairdressing salons was an entirely logical step.

When Beauty Industries became part of Finlayson Enterprises in 1970, the company entered the babywear market with its own Cute 'n Cuddly line of stretchy sleepers.

Since then it has become the Canadian licensee for Beatrix Potter wear and the Paddington Bear label of England, as well as the Canadian distributor of several American lines including socks by Prewett and Nannette which is manufactured in the Philippines.

The Zou Zou spring collection is designed "with the active 12-24 months-old toddling infant in mind," and features "sassy, contemporary and very sophisticated" playwear.

It's a line, Kydd says, that appeals to a specific consumer segment, ". . . the young, well-educated, two-income family" which wants "contemporary, upscale clothes for themselves as well as their children."

In the girls' collection, jumpsuits (with long and short sleeves) and a top-and-pant set come in a bold, multi-colored geometic print with either bright aqua or pink solids, and a whimsical flirty cat peaking out here and there.

All are extra roomy, with domed inseams for the jumpsuits for easy diaper changes, and elastic waist for the pants.

Fabrics are 100-per-cent cotton, with satin solids and chintz print.

For the boys, there's a boxy-body jumpsuit in a bold mix of print and solid color accents and design lines; solid color overalls with contrasting print pocket on the bib front, and a fashionable "shortall" with high-cut back and front bib.

A short-sleeve print camp shirt teams with the overalls while a screen-printed T-shirt in either light orange, blue or white 100-per-cent cotton jersey pairs with strapped pants that come in 100-per-cent cotton laundered sheeting in lime or tomato red.

Fabrics are pure cotton for the solids, with prints in a 50/50 cotton/polyester blend. Design features a salamander print in either "whitened" orange with tomato red solids or a nile blue print with lime green solids.

Chou Chou makes its debut with Babies on Parade. Jolly, chubby-faced infants play with a variety of toys, in screen prints or embroideries in soft blues and pinks on white.

This is traditional baby sleep and playwear for up to nine-months-old infants but with an upbeat, trendy flair.

The Chou Chou layette set includes side-zipped gown and zippered sleeper, both with embroidered yoke, and a dome-opening sleeper with puffy screen-printed front and contrast binding at yoke, and rib knit trim on feet.

An asymmetrical sleeper with funnel-shaped neck and domed inseam features one solid color side, one print side, while a wide-body sleeper in the newborn size features dome opening on embroidered bib and set-in sleeves.

Especially attractive is a four-piece play set of footed pants and long-sleeved sport top, romper or bodysuit, and reversible hooded jacket with rib-knit binding and dome front opening.

Other playwear includes: a print overall and T-shirt set; a solid color jumpsuit featuring waffle pique front inset highlighted by large satin patch emboridery, and summer rompers in a solid color mock two-piece with embroidery detail for boys, and for girls in a solid color waffle pique with print knit and screen print waist panel.

Sleepers come in either 100-per-cent cotton interlock or 50/50 cotton/polyester interlock, while the playwear comes in 50/50 cotton/polyester waffle pique and print knits.

And of course, all fabrics have been chosen for easy care, no fuss laundering.

Prices range from approximately $12 to $14 for the T-shirt to $30 to $35 for the jumpsuit in the Zou Zou line, and about $16 to $25 for the Chou Chou sleepers and play sets.

Beauty Industries is set to boost its image with Chou Chou and Zou Zou.

Debonair puts sole into footwear

By
VIVIAN SHARON

With springtime fast approaching, children will soon be playing outdoors and one thing is certain: their footwear must hold up to the elements.

For parents, durability is as important as good value. To the child, a fashion look is a must.

For the past 15 years, Debonair Creations of Toronto and Montreal has kept that equation in mind. Debonair, a division of Wertex Hosiery, imports fashion footwear for youngsters from the Orient.

"Comfort and quality at a good price point are foremost in parents' minds today," said Lou Miller, who has worked in the footwear business for 20 years, 11 of which as Debonair's marketing director.

Miller, who travels to factories in China, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand three or four times a year, is personally involved in every aspect of the production process, from the design concept to delivery. The lag time is about eight months.

Constructed in canvas and synthetic materials, close to 80,000 pairs of shoes per version are made each season in 18 different styles.

For adolescent girls, the short Western boot in black or white is a strong favoritie at $29.95 (retail). For the younger set, the black dress pump with rosette and rhinestone detailing sells for $25.

Moving into summer, neon, elasticized beach sandals will be strong sellers. So, too, will be white or pastel closed-back, T-strip sandals with adjustable vamps for infants.

"There is only one big seller for boys and that is joggers. Boys have never taken to wearing sandals."

Runners, either with two velcro bands or shoe laces, come in solid white synthetic or madcap psychedelic print canvas. They retail for $16. Bright plastic injection rainboots are another favorite for under $10.

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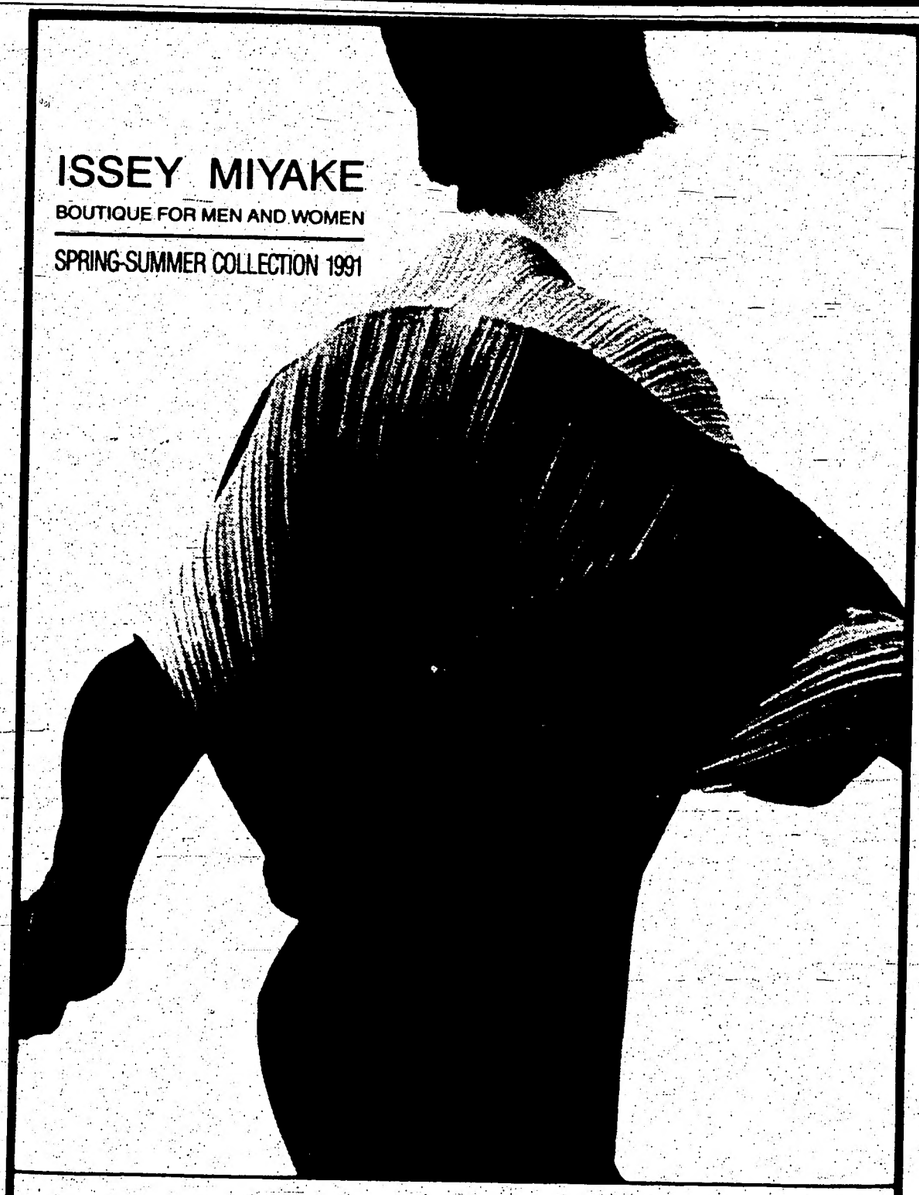

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Clean lines are key to season's look

The CJN's focus section, entitled Designing Women, highlights four designers whose different backgrounds and career levels illustrate the diversity of the fashion industry as a whole. Edie Johne has been sharpening her skills for more than 30 years, while Izzy Camilleri has been plying her trade for about five years. Natalie Naumchuk (Coba-Reece) illustrates how complex simple lines can be, while Lida Biday concentrates on silhouettes. All are using linen in their spring lines.

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Naumchuk's clean lines accentuate feminine form

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

"I don't like anything frothy. I design clean, simple pieces with a twist or a curve," said designer Natalie Naumchuk.

In this case, curve is certainly a better word than twist, as Naumchuck's Coba-Reece label's spring collection assures. The designs, especially the dresses for the warm months, are cut to accentuate the feminine form.

"They're not just feminine, they're very sexy," said Coba-Reece publicist Sheila Mudrick.

"You can almost see what a dress is going to look like on when it's on the hanger."

The designs are clean and simple, but the intriguing sculptural cuts and details illustrate how complex simplicity can be. Lush colors and texturally interesting, exotic fabrics add to the effect. A confident bearer of such garments would certainly attract attention.

Mudrick says glamor has been a signature of Coba-Reece designs since Naumchuk began the line in 1987.

"Her orientation is very dressy and glamorous, but filtered down into a way of dressing every day."

Many of Coba-Reece's clients are professional women, and there are parts of the line geared to business as well.

For spring, irridescent Bengalene and linen faille are shaped into streamlined suits or short-sleeved dresses. The colors are china blue, white-on-white, green, rose and black. Gold-encased buttons complete a stylish and professional look.

Other daytime options include rose and sea blue glen checks in long- and short-sleeved jackets, teamed with slim-fitting skirts and dresses.

Evening brings out lace, silk, organza and more linen, in slinky suits and bold dresses. Black lace and organza join in a dramatic short dress. Solid colors make statements in silk shantung, with cross-over straps or strapless. Matching jackets complete the outfits.

Naumchuk's designs reflect a long-standing passion for making garments, developed long before she considered it as a career.

"I loved designing since I was a kid. I used to make dresses for Barbie out of my father's socks."

But Naumchuk didn't pursue it as a career at first, studying accounting in university.

"But in my mid-20s I decided to do what I loved doing."

The faltering economy has had some effects on Naumchuk's work. She is designing fewer two-, three- and four-piece outfits, finding more women wanting to buy dresses instead of sportswear.

"It's easy to throw on a little dress."

The economy has also made things difficult for designers who depend on retail stores to market their creations. Buyers are reluctant to purchase in quantity, so only bits and pieces of lines are chosen. That's frustrating for designers like Naumchuk whose collections are put together with wardrobe co-ordination in mind.

Even worse, many stores are succumbing to financial woes, leaving unpaid bills in their wake.

Naumchuk is trying to exert more control over her product by opening an unusual outlet later this spring to showcase her wares. Dubbed Natasha's Tea Room, the entity will have "a couturier salon feeling without the snobbiness.

The line will be able to be seen by appointment, in a loft-like space overlooking the lake in an industrial district near King Street and Dufferin Avenue.

The line will still be available from a selection of retail locations, including Kristy Allan, Champagne on Ice, 290 Ion, Danielle Boutique, Side Step and J Michaels. Retail prices for the spring line range from $195 for dresses to $350 for suits.

Camilleri's simple silhouettes highlighted with embroidery

By
MARIE MOORE

Izzy Camilleri has no complaints that 1991 could keep her at the most frantic pace ever.

As well as designing clothes for two Toronto-based television hosts — Shirley Solomon and Nerene Virgin — with her garments, she has been sub-contracted by a prominent Montreal knitwear firm.

Together with another designer, she is supplying leather bomber jackets to a private client. She also will find time to serve on two faculty boards at Oakville's Sheridan College.

A flourish of press interest (including the cover of The CJN's 1990 fall fashion supplement) have boosted Camilleri's confidence in her product despite the financially troubled state of the fashion industry.

Her growth as a designer reflects positive personal development just as her work with new fabrics and exciting ideas represents maturity and a willingness to accept challenge.

For spring, Camilleri has chosen to show a linen-and-cotton blend in ivory, black and white. Strength and purity in simple silhouettes are highlighted with silver and gold embroidered brocade.

Shoulders, necklines, sleeves and collars are boldly enhanced with patterned baroque stitching. Selected leather pieces with similar expression will also be included in the line, which consists of 20 pieces.

Fabric for spring was purchased in Canada but made in the Orient. The cloth was bought because of its body, so that it could properly support the braid. Camilleri also points out that it's "comfortable to wear and classic in appearance.

"I've always liked the look of embroidery and I've always wanted to include it in my line. In the past, I've done leather and lightweight knits for spring, but this year I'm trying an even lighter approach.

"I'm satisfied that the embroidery gives the line a very unique look."

The spring line will be shown at the Designers Ontario forum later this month (open to trade and press only) and will also appear in a designer fashion show for a women's symposium in April.

The line is being sold through agents in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. Retailers include Your Choice in Toronto, Assims in London and Maison Delvanti in Montreal.

Creating some custom garments for friends late last year has altered Camilleri's outlook.

"The experience inspired me so much that I decided to pull out most of the stops and do something very different for next fall.

"It's unfortunate that designers can't do this sort of thing more often, but once you put this much time into a line, it's tough to market it.

"Where can you sell it? Who will buy it and what will they be willing to pay? I guess you have to decide whether you want to take a chance with a few pieces and create something that says 'I am an artist' or just produce 'safe' designs," she said.

"For fall, I'm trying both. I'm lucky that I have enough going for me with the other work that I can do this.

"I've been able to maintain this business (and it hasn't been easy), and I've been able to work it all out so that I can do what I love and still have a secure foundation that I can stand on," she added.

If her retail sales reflect the thought, preparation, calibre of design and maturity behind the clothes, 1991 will prove to be Camilleri's busiest year ever.

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Fashion: Designing Women

Cloth gives Biday inspiration for honing designs

By
MARIE MOORE

Silhouettes come first for designer Lida Biday.

"I generally have a feeling for the silhouettes that I want to create before I begin to work on a season."

However, she said she often waits for the fabric to arrive before starting.

This way she can "actually test just what can be done with it before I add the finishing touches."

Biday said her spring collection is a prime example. She said when she bought the fabric, she had an idea of what could be done with it.

The cloth, including a pure linen, was purchased through Canadian agents from mills in Italy, Switzerland and Japan.

"The most significant factor for spring is my use of color. It's the one strong point that I've not really worked with in the past — and my collections have never reflected as much strength through color impact before.

"But I think this is the season when color will make a difference. It just seems to be really important right now, when retail is tough, to add an extra element of refreshment to the line and make the idea of purchasing new clothes more attractive.

"It's a collection that's meant to be worn; it was not created just for show on the runway."

Lida Biday gives the trenchcoat a new look.

Her philosophy of approachability in design has led to considerable success, especially with her dresses. As a woman, she is cognizant of the realities of women's figures and is not interested in designing extremes.

She pays particular attention to fit and proportion, careful to appreciate the sensitive areas on most female forms.

Baday's first intention was to study languages when she moved to Toronto from Hamilton, Ont. in 1976. However once here, she immersed herself in fashion, studying at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute — she graduated in 1979 — and working in the industry during the summer months.

In 1987, after working with a number of dress manufacturers in Toronto progressing from apprentice to head designer, she realized her desire to exercise control over her medium and formed Lida Baday, the company and the label.

Baday has won a series of critical reviews from both her clients and the fashion press.

However, her most prestigious accomplishment to date has undoubtably been winning the Fil d'Argent for Canada at the seventh annual Maison Du Lin competition in Paris. Her pristine white, 10-outfit collection advanced to last month's Fils d'Or event in Paris. This 12-competitor event was won by a Belgian designer.

"It would have been wonderful to win, but just having had the opportunity to create the special collection for the award, travelling to France, meeting and talking to other designers from around the world and learning about how they approach their business was wonderful."

Baday has in incorporated parts of the white linen collection, which she designed specifically for the Maison du Lin show, into her domestic line. She has also developed other elements from the award-winning collection into her fall 91 collection.

This means that her Canadian customers will have access to pieces which reflect her winning ways.

"A lot of the Maison du Lin outfits were composed of separates, whereas my Canadian market focuses primarily on dresses, so these two collections are a bit more experimental in the sense that we want to see how the separates will sell."

The Baday label is available at 80 stores across Canada including Holt Renfrew, Brettons, Simpsons' downtown Toronto store and Eaton's. In Montreal, the line is sold at Ogilvies and Cactus and in Vancouver at Wear Else?

Baday is currently focusing on promoting her label. To that end, her designs will be featured at a number of shows later this month including Toronto's Designers Ontario Collections and Montreal's Canadian International Womenswear Show.

What does the future hold for Baday?

"Things being what they are with the GST and its effect on the price of clothing plus our current recession, the company stand is to take a cautious approach, but at the same time to feel confident about our successful position.

"If we work with our retailers and support them in whatever way we can, we can also increase awareness of our product and sales. More than ever, it's very neccesary for all components of the fashion industry in Canada to pull together right now."

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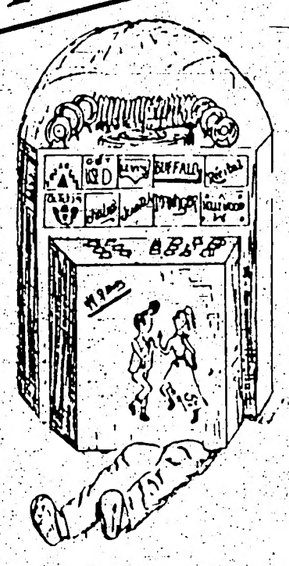

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Johne crafts career out of troubles

By MARIE MOORE

In a roundabout way, it was Edie Johne's love of ballet that actually led to her career in fashion.

Trying to earn money for expensive dance lessons proved a difficult task after her emigration to Canada in the 1950s from her native Germany.

So, Johne, who now designs her own label for Silhouettes, took the first good job she could find — in retailing. The long months of saving and the gradual immersion in retailing led to a new direction — modelling.

Many of her clients were manufacturers who hired her to model wholesale collections. Between appointments, Johne found herself fascinated with the workings of the factory.

Eventually, a now-defunct manufacturer, Sun Valley, noticed. It was at that Toronto-based firm that her designing ambition was nurtured in the 1960s. By the '70s, Johne started her own company.

"I have found that the different experiences over all those years helped tremendously with designing," Johne said, adding that the retail job showed her exactly what women sought in clothing.

"They weren't just buying a wild look, designed by some fashion god. Fit was important. Certain colorations were more salable than others.

"I also learned about merchandising. For example, certain items must be shipped together in order to sell on the floor."

In the '70s, Johne launched The Mushroom Company, a manufacturing and design business whose two major items were jumpsuits and pants.

"Financial problems led to the company's closure, but I started again with the help of some partners and created Edie Johne Fashions."

Soon, larger financial backers came along and EDJ Designs Inc. was formed in the '80s. Again, financial problems arose.

"The company's growth pattern was horrendous, and we discovered that we were actually underfinanced. Even though we had close to $6 million worth of business with that company, my financial backers dissolved it."

Johne said she recovered from that blow and finally learned a lesson.

"I no longer handle the financial end of the company I work for. I don't even own it, I just design.

"I'm in charge of my own division, and I have strict design control, but it is handled as an umbrella branch of Silhouettes, and it's very good for me. My creative level has risen and I'm not bogged down by financial worry.

"I joined this Toronto-based company three years ago, but they've been in business for more than 20 years. We're located in the heart of the garment district, right where it all started in the '60s.

"My look focuses on a very contemporary look, mainly in desk-to-dinner dressing and cocktail dresses.

"I think the inspiration comes from many aspects of my life. I travel to Europe to the fabric fairs and get an impression of the new fabrics, colors, trends ... I stay in tune with what working women need, never forgetting that I'm a working woman myself.

"I also follow international fashion trends, tracking back to what has worked in the season before and then conceptualize from there."

Johne said her spring line consists of "understandable garments ... they are practical, they look tremendous at the office and, with just a minor adjustment, can look great for dinner.

"I'm very happy with one particular style, and it has a great effect on our buyers. It's a dress suit; that is a dress and matching jacket. It could be done with contrasting fabrications, for instance boucle and wool, or with contrasting colors.

"My spring colors are bright, from turquoise to yellow to lots of wonderful greens. Spring is mainly a bright story but we've also added sand and white pique.

"They are very body-conscious clothes with lots of zippers. I have a Pucci print in the summer line, but buyers are wary of it because they feel it's very '60s. Especially now when times are a bit depressing, I thought the print would do well."

Johne stressed that it was important to observe the shows in Europe as it allows a designer to put his or her fabric and design story in perspective. Although this knowledge can be reflected in one's style, Johne said it doesn't have to translate into similar styles.

For instance, her jackets are longer and cut looser than those shown in Europe and New York.

"What I did bring home with me was a lot of focus on buttons. I spent a lot of time with these — even my simplest dress in the sand-washed linen fabric goes a long way with these great buttons. I bought them anywhere I could find them.

"With so many buyers travelling to Europe and California, they are much more aware of international trends. The business is moving so much faster than before, and, because of this, a designer has to be aware and react quickly in order to stay competitive.

"We also need to get our lines out there," John said, adding she will present her fall collection later this month at Toronto's Designers Ontario show and in New York as part of the Canadian Consulate Trade Event.

Although the retail market is in a slump, Johne is optimistic her spring collection will do well.

"I love to move ahead with different and new things, staying ahead of the rest. Sometimes it works against me, because Canada is not always ready for my ideas.

"Buyers constantly comment on the fact that I already did this year's biggest trends, the year before they hit big," she said.

"The sad part of it is, as a Canadian designer, I come up with new ideas and no one takes them seriously, because as such, I'm just some designer on Spadina Avenue. If someone in Europe did it, it would be *the word*, but here, it's frustrating.

"However, I still would like to keep going ... to sell in the U.S. and expand my horizons.

"I enjoy designing so much, and all of my experience has given me the confidence to handle many of the problems much easier than I used to."

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Continental Pants offers a wide range of trousers to suit different shapes.

Pants manufacturer puts leg into beachwear market

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

"If you don't wear pants that's your business. If you do ... call us!"

So goes the rather unofficial motto for Continental Pants Mfg. Ltd., a 68-year-old Toronto firm run for three generations by the Kurtz family.

Specializing in popular-priced pants for men and boys, the company has branched into beachwear, walking shorts, T-shirts, and, come fall, a line of shirts, sweaters and fleece.

Continental was founded in 1923 by Abraham Kurtz. Following in his footsteps were sons Joseph, Phineas and Philip, who now resides in Israel. Joseph and Phineas are still involved with the business as are Joseph's sons, Wayne and Sheldon.

Pictures of Wayne's young children adorn his cluttered office, but, when asked, he says "it's too soon to tell if there'll be a fourth generation."

Continental makes pants for all shapes and sizes of Canadian males — from a boy's size 8 right up to a prodigious size 66 men's.

Ninety per cent of the fabrication is pure cotton, a reflection of changing consumer demand. Just five years ago 70 per cent of Continental's offerings were blended cotton/polyester. Today, denim, cotton twills, corduroy and brushed cotton make up the lion's share of the men's line.

But while straight ahead, popular-priced men's and boy's pants are still the focus of Continental's manufacturing efforts, a growing part of the business is the import or manufacture of faddy items. There's money to be made there for companies that act quickly enough.

"That's an advantage of being domestic, we can turn quickly to the trends."

Keeping a close eye on what youths are into is key to jumping on trends.

A few years ago, Kurtz noticed youths wearing work pants, altered or pinned so that the legs tapered to an extreme. The company quickly jumped on this fad, and were soon shipping 5,000 to 6,000 pairs per month. Camouflage designs and printed pants have also had their day in the sun and likely will again.

Most recently, music sensation M.C. Hammer has spurred what Kurtz calls The Rap Pant, a wide-legged knock-off of the duds sported by this prominent rap artist.

Of course, these trends can end as quickly as they begin, another factor that Continental people must watch closely. The ironic thing, Kurtz says, is that "a lot of times what we personally don't like is what sells the best."

The Kurtz family also translates fashion styles down to popular price levels, usually in the $40 to $50 retail range.

For spring, classic designs for men and boys take on earth tones like stone, loden, tan, khaki and black.

For the young or young-at-heart, the color palette turns up several notches into brights — purple, coral and tangerine among them — and the trendy neons, this year a bit less shocking in chalkier tones.

Beachwear (also known as surfwear) is also a big seller, with items like washed cotton shorts, silk-screened T-shirts and the fading but still-selling Sugar Sacks among Continental's offerings.

Though much of their product is sold under private label, Continental is selling under labels reading Continental Clothing Co. and CC Sport. The company is planning a "better" range of pants in the $85 to $100 retail range.

Kurtz says the growth philosophy for Continental has always been "let's crawl before we walk." That's probably why, unlike many others, Continental is still around after nearly 70 years.

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Fashion

Bold graphics enhance knitwear collection.

American line European in spirit

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

"No bakery ever made a living selling yesterday's baked goods," said the owner of Intertrend Sportswear Inc.

Morton Weinberg spent 20 years in the retail clothing business before beginning his current company so he knows what moves are needed to survive the sudden slump in the fashion industry.

"The retailer who lays back will eventually fall over but the retailer who takes advantage of advertising and trade shows will persevere. No matter how tough times are, you need to buy new merchandise," he said.

Following his own advice, Weinberg has imported a new American menswear line called Henry Grethel Collection.

Targeted towards the mid-to-upper wage earners, Weinberg said the collection is European in spirit.

For spring, the line is offering three groupings that have been well-received by the Canadian market, he said.

The first grouping is known as the tribal collection. This set includes sweaters, shirts, knits and bottoms.

The color spectrum features iberian cork, cyprus, black, olive, plum, purple, white, deep gold, Aegean moss and Corsican navy. The fabrics used are cotton, silk, rayon, linen and cotton twill.

A second collection, called Moroccan Neutrals, feature the same pieces but in a different color story.

Sand, seagrass, white, coral, light grey, saffron, rose and amethyst have been used. Again, fabrics such as cotton, cotton/linen, rayon and cotton twill are featured in the line.

Finally, the third grouping is called underwater colors. This echos the first and second in pieces but the color story includes sungold, white, azure blue, jade green, crimson red, garnet, ice, taupe, indigo and teal. Fabrics include cotton/denim, cotton knits, and cotton yarn-dyed pieces.

As well, in the underwater brights, 100 per cent cotton denim jackets are available in ice, taupe and indigo.

In addition to introducing collections into future lineups and taking advantage of advertising, Weinberg advises the retailer to be more aggressive.

"Whatever business you are in, you'll be required to work harder to achieve what was once easy."

Wildly patterned tie is teamed with denim shirt.

Label offers spectrum of colors

A designer who was born in Milan but raised in New York City is bound to have many interesting fashion ideas and philosophies.

Marco Wachter, creater of the made-in-Italy Mondo di Marco label, is convinced that style and design do not have to be dictated or compromised by price. His product lines — Pronto-Uomo, Sogno, Progetto, Oggi Mode — substantiate this conviction.

Woven throughout each collection is Wachter's philosophy that his fashions can achieve beauty without limit, elegance without compromise and versatility without boundaries.

Patrick Assaraf Importers Ltd. is the company that has handled the Mondo di Marco collection for five years, and a second office is located in Montreal. The New York head office is run by Ben Greszes.

Lisa Katari, the Toronto sales manager for the line, was quick to point out why the collection is thriving in a tough economy because it is a quality product.

Katari noted that wovens, pants, prints and jackets accompany the well-known collection of sweaters. She said a spectrum of colors and styles are available that can be used either as accent pieces or entire ensembles.

For spring, the key fabrics are cotton, linen and viscose. The collection holds a well-balanced mixture of natural and synthetic materials.

"Synthetic is not a bad word. Most of the highest priced lines contain blends of polyester and rayon. There's a certain vibrancy because materials such as these hold the color. This material also holds up to the cleaning processes."

The shades are varied. The ever-popular earth tones have been included along with bright jewel shades. Prints are muted and not quite as abstract as the ethnic themes from last spring.

The wide variety of shades in the Mondo di Marco collection include a mustard and teal combination, aqua, mint and a grouping of pastels.

Katari also cited several reasons why buyers should be looking for new stock despite the recession.

"People can't sell from an empty wagon. Buyers can't afford to be afraid when they have to make decisions concerning what should be purchased. They should concentrate on variety over volume."

"It's also about the weight issue ... In the summer, people go from air conditioning to intense heat, and in the winter, from heat to cold. The heavy, pure wool sweater just isn't comfortable or practical. Instead, manufacturers have gone to what is referred to as the tropical weights-made of cool wool."

She added that due to the economy, people don't want or don't have the disposable income to spend on clothing as they have in the past. As a result, the customers want value for their money.

The collection itself is ageless. Katari said the line could be worn by a brother, father and grandfather.

Wachter learned from his parents — "old school" retailers — that above all else the product must be of value both to the creator and the customer. — S.C.

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Progress advances throughout history

Firm strives to maintain high quality

By BRUCE PARKINSON

The venerable Oxford defines "progress" as: Forward movement, advance, improvement, development, increase.

In this context, Progress Brand Clothes Inc., Canada's oldest men's clothing manufacturer, is aptly named.

Quality has been the watchword by which Progress has run its business for the past 113 years. Many companies would make such a claim, few have such a compelling case to back it up.

Progress was founded in Montreal in 1878, only 11 years after Canada joined in Confederation. The founder was Harris Vineberg, a men's clothing pioneer with a devotion to producing quality garments. The firm originally took the name of this man, who was diminutive in size but whose reputation was much taller.

The founder's prices matched his quality, coming in higher than those of his importing competitors, but he refused to cut corners to cut costs.

After successfully building and running the company for nearly 50 years, Vineberg knew the firm was in need of an infusion of younger blood. Unfortunately, he had no heirs to follow him into the business, so he had to sell.

However, he was determined to do so only when he found a buyer who shared his love for fine clothing and would maintain his meticulous standards.

Vineberg found that quality in Samuel and Joseph Guttman, then involved in Montreal's fashion retail trade. In the late 1920s, Vineberg signed a contract with the Guttmans wherein strict adherence to detailed manufacturing specifications took precedence over the selling price.

"Take care of my son," he pleaded, as the papers were signed.

As the world economy tumbled into a depression, it became more and more difficult to maintain Vineberg's standards, but the Guttman's held fast.

"It seems ludicrous now, but at that time $29.50 was a very high price for a suit," said Stanley Guttman, son of Samuel, nephew of Joseph, who joined the firm with his cousin, Gerry, in 1947. Stanley's older brother, Alvin, preceded them 10 years before.

Today, as the Canadian clothing manufacturing industry weathers another of the periodic doldrums that plague it, Progress is as healthy as ever, a fact that gives great pride to Stanley, Alvin and Gerry, whose sons, Stephen and Richard, represent the third generation of Progress Guttmans.

"It's the continuity of a beautiful business," Stanley Guttman said.

The Guttmans are well known in the Jewish community for more than their business success. From Samuel and Joseph on down, all have been involved in the community in a wide variety of philanthropic areas.

"This is a philosophy which has been handed down to us, and we feel very deeply," Stanley Guttman said.

Another case in point for Progress's distinctive nature: more than 150 of its 400 employees have been with the firm for more than 20 years, an increasingly rare occurrence.

"Our great emphasis on people is the biggest part of our successful business," he said. "We inject a serious philosophy that everyone is part of the family."

That philosophy extends to bad times as well as good. Management helps employees through personal crises, whether by lending a sympathetic ear or financial aid — the firm has been known to pay a staff member's full salary for as long as a year while he or she recovers from a heart attack or similar misfortune.

Technology is an important as people to a successful manufacturing business, and Progress has lived up to its name in that regard as well.

Just after the Second World War the firm became the first to move to the north end of Montreal, to a modern, custom-built edifice on Park Avenue. Others laughed at this move "to the sticks," as Stanley Guttman put it, but within five years most of the leading manufacturers had followed suit, so to speak.

"It was a state-of-the-art plant in its time and has continued to be," he said, adding that more than $2.5 million has been spent over the past three years on improvements.

Today the factory blends computerized automation with classic tailoring skills that can't be replaced. Advanced machines grade, mark, cut and sew the fabrics, but other operations are still done by hand.

Linings are hand sewn around the armholes, ensuring ease of movement. Jackets receive a final pressing by hand, to permanently remove puckers and wrinkles.

The automation helps streamline processes, reduce costs and ensure unbeatable accuracy of cut and fit. The hand operations offer the final touches of quality in specific areas where computers can't improve on human skills.

Progress has also been a leader over the years in working with the world's finest mills to develop innovative, lightweight cloths. Exclusive cloths developed in conjunction with English, Italian and prominent Scandinavian mills have changed the face — and weight — of men's suitings. In fact, 60 per cent of Progress's spring lines are constructed of lightweight cloth.

Strong relationships with retailers are another key ingredient in the success of a clothing manufacturer, especially in the high-end of the business.

The way a retailer sells a better-priced garment is extremely important. The reasons for higher prices must be carefully explained to customers, and sales seminars with retail sales personnel are encouraged.

Progress's philosophy of distribution has always been to deal with leading quality stores in each city. Harry Rosen, Studio 267 and Holt Renfrew are among Progress's choices.

But it doesn't stop there. Progress staff spend a great deal of time educating retailers on how to sell a Progress garment. The emphasis is that customers have a right to demand more to justify the premium cost, and the answers to probing questions are provided.

So, in essence, this is the case for the lofty claims made about Progress Brand Clothes Inc. Some may still be unconvinced. If that's the case, drop into a fine men's clothing store and put one of their garments to the test.

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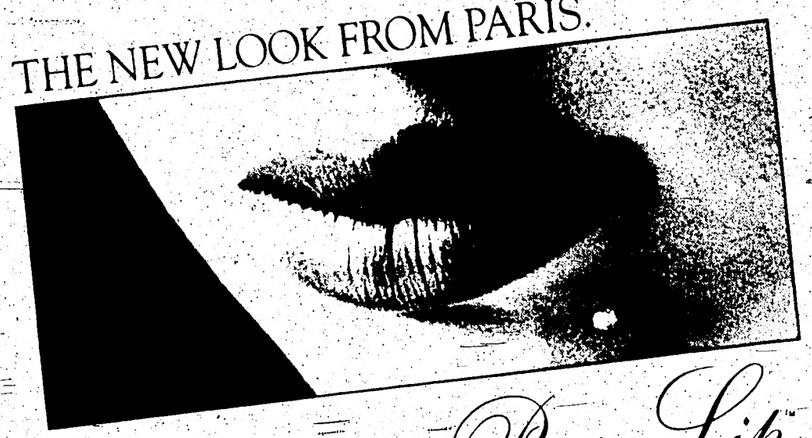

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As families and friends unite this year, let us pause and give thanks that our children need not live in fear. Let our hearts reach out to our Israel brethren who continue to be threatened and whose safety is always in peril. Let the spirit and enduring relevance of Passover enrich our lives, renew our faith and enhance our commitment to the cause of freedom.

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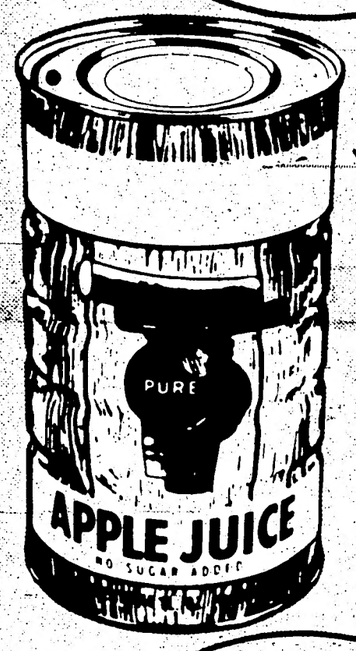

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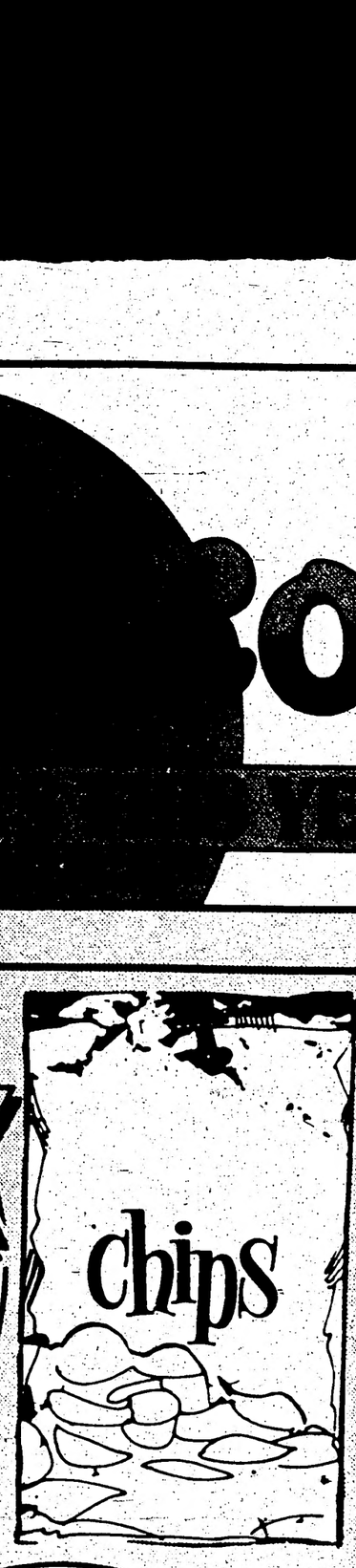

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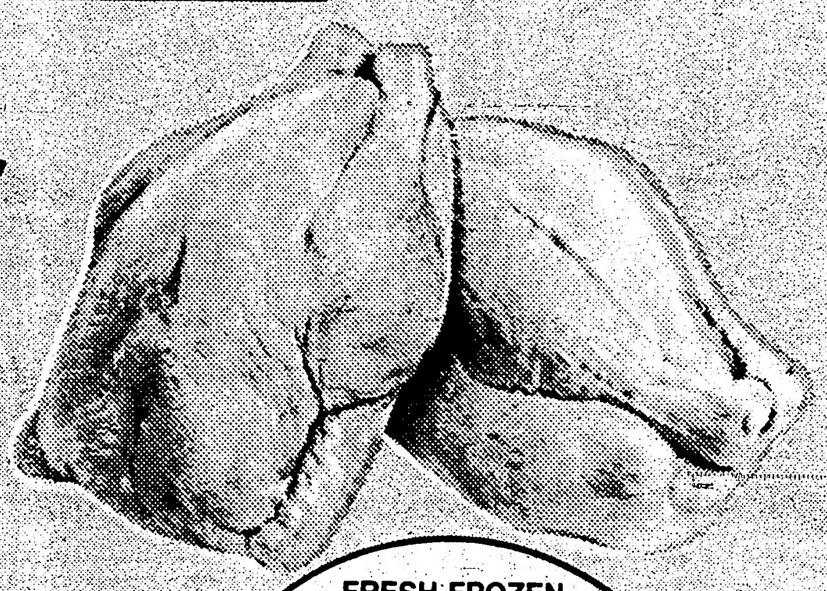

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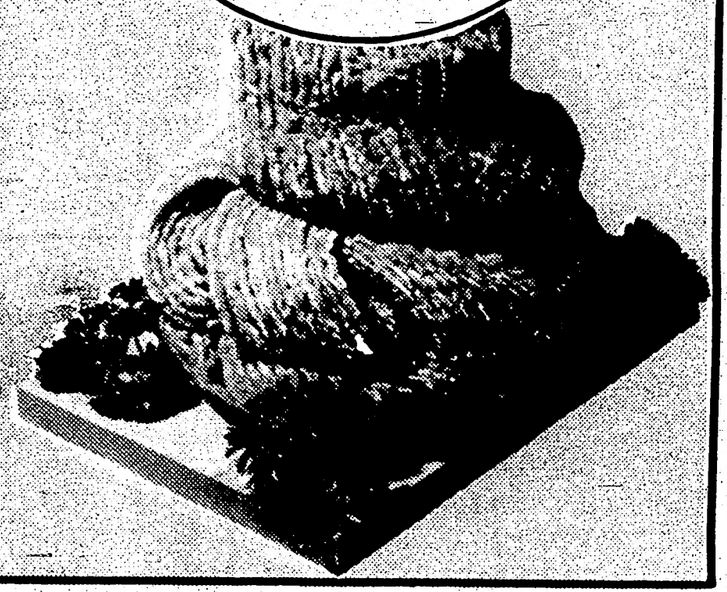

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PASSOVER RECIPES

STUFFED MUSHROOMS
(Serves 3)

6 very large fresh mushrooms
4 TB margarine or oil
1 TB finely chopped onion
¾ C matzo farfel
2 TB each red wine (or tomato juice) and water
Pepper and salt to taste.

Carefully remove stems from mushrooms and chop them finely. Melt margarine and saute the stems and onion for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add farfel and seasonings Mix well. Arrange mushroom caps in a 6 X 10 inch baking pan cap side up. Fill with stuffing. Mix liquids together and spoon evenly over mushrooms.

CARROTS 'N' GINGER
(Serves 6-8)

1 pound carrots, cut length wise then into 1 inch thin stripes.
1 inch fresh ginger, diced finely
1 C water
Salt to taste (optional)

Bake together in dish for 1 hour at 400 degrees.

VEGETABLE BAKE
(Serves 6)

⅓ C water
8 oz. broccoli, chopped
1 onion, chopped
1 large carrot, peeled and chopped finely
2 stalks celery, chopped
8 oz. tomatoe sauce
Dash of pepper
¼ tsp. each garlic powder and parsley.
½ C matzo meal.

Steam broccoli, onions, carrots and celery in water for 15 minutes. Add spices, 6 ozs. of tomatoe sauce, and matzo meal. Mix well. Press into small casserole dish. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes.

EGGPLANT CAVIAR
(Serves 6)

1 large eggplant
1 large onion, chopped finely
1 clove garlic, minced
1 green pepper, chopped
2 TB dry wine or vinegar
2 fresh tomatoes, chopped
½ C olive oil
Pepper and salt to taste

Bake eggplant with skin for 1 hour at 350 degrees. Peel and chop with tomatoes. While eggplant is baking, saute garlic first in oil until oil is hot, then with green pepper and onion till tender. Add to eggplant. Add seasonings and wine. Mix throughly and cook till thick. Cool in refrigerator for at least 1 hour.

CHOPPED "LIVER" SPREAD
(Makes about 1 cup)

3 TB oil
½ pound mushrooms, chopped
1 small onion, chopped
1 C chopped walnuts
Pepper and salt to taste
1 TB water.

Saute mushrooms and onion for 8 minutes. Pour into blender or food processor, adding walnuts, seasoning and water. Blend until smooth. Serve on matzo as a spread.

RED WINE TURKEY BURGERS
(Serves 4)

1 onion chopped
1 lb. Ground Turkey
1 cup dry red wine, kosher for Passover
2 eggs
Cotton seed oil
1 tbsp. tomato paste.

1. Cook onions in frying pan in oil. Form four pattie of Ground Turkey mixed with eggs, season exterior with salt, pepper and parsley or oregano. Add the patties as soon as the onions are golden.
2. Increase heat slightly and cook the patties about 4 minutes per side. Remove patties, add wine to pan. Return patties, simmer covered for about 10 minutes. Season to taste, add one tablespoon of tomato paste.

Serve with boiled or baked potatoes, and a mixed green salad.

ORANGE CHICKEN OR TURKEY

4 Kosher chicken breast cutlets or 2 Kosher turkey tenders (approx. 1 to 1½ lbs.)
1 cup orange juice
¼ cup orange marmalade
salt, pepper, lemon juice
grated rind of 1 orange
2 tbsp. potato starch.

1. Pound out chicken breast cutlets or turkey tenders to ¼ inch in thickness, or cut into strips ½ inch wide. Season with salt, pepper and fresh lemon juice. Marinate for at least 2 hours. Mix orange juice, grated orange peel and orange marmalade with 1 tbsp. potato starch in saucepan, bring to a simmer and stir until thick. Pour over chicken, bake at 400 degrees for about 12-15 minutes, or until cooked, basting from time to time.

PASSOVER LASAGNE

4 eggs
2 lb. cottage cheese, salt & pepper
2 cans Passover tomato-mushroom sauce
1 lb. shredded cheese (I prefer Meunster cheese)
6-8 whole matzos

1. Beat eggs, mix with cottage cheese; add salt and pepper. Soak and drain matzo and break into strips. Coat bottom of 9" X 13" pan with sauce and alternate layers of matzo strips, cheese and sauce, ending with sauce.
2. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until it's melted.

N.B. This recipe halves well. Use 8" square pan and bake for 20 minutes.

PASSOVER QUICHE

1½-2 cups grated cheese
4 eggs
¼ tsp. salt
dash pepper
1 medium onion
¼ lb. mushrooms
2 sticks celery
½ each medium red and green pepper
1½ cups milk
1 tsp. potato flour

1. Place cheese in bottom of 8" pan. Cover cheese with vegetables that have been chopped and sauteed in butter. Season with salt and pepper. Beat together eggs, milk, salt and potato flour. Pour over vegetable layer.
2. Sprinkle with paprika and bake at 375 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

MATZO CREAM CHEESE KUGEL

4 matzos, broken into pieces
8 oz. cream cheese
½ tsp. salt
3 cups scalded milk
½ lb. butter
3 jumbo eggs or 4 large eggs

1. Pour scalded milk over matzos. Cream butter and cheese together, then add salt and eggs to this mixture and beat together. Add to matzo mixture.
2. Bake in a 9" X 13" pan at 325 degrees for one hour or until knife comes out clean.
3. Sprinkle topping on when about half baked.

TOPPING:
¼ cup matzo meal
2-3 tbsp. browned sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon

N.B. to make browned sugar measure out white sugar. Melt a couple tbsp. butter or margarine in frying pan on low heat. Add sugar and stir constantly until light brown in color.

PASSOVER CRANBERRY APPLE CRISP

2 cups fresh cranberries
1 cup sugar
2 cups farfel (matzo)
½ cup shortening
3 cups chopped apples
½ tsp. salt
¾ cup sugar.

1. Wash cranberries and combine with apples. Add 1 cup sugar. Put into greased 8" pan.
2. Moisten farfel and drain well. Work farfel with shortening, salt and ¾ cup sugar until crumbly. Spread over fruit.
3. Bake in 350 degree oven for 50 minutes.

From the response, the Passover Recipe section of our guide has been a big hit.

Quite frankly, it is getting more difficult finding new recipes. So, please, if you have any recipes that you would like to share, send them to me...

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- ☐ Chopped Onions
- ☐ Fried Onions
- ☐ Onion Granules
- ☐ Oregano
- ☐ Parsley Flakes
- ☐ Vegetable Flake Mix
- ☐ Mustard
- ☐ Cider Vinegar
- ☐ White Vinegar
- ☐ Wine Vinegar
- ☐ Sugar
- ☐ Baking Soda
- ☐ Vanilla Sugar Cubes
- ☐ Almond Extract
- ☐ Orange Extract
- ☐ Pure Vanilla

FATS AND OILS

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER:
K.B., Aviva, Best, Haddar, Mother's, Nutula, Rok

- ☐ Vegetable Oil
- ☐ Cotten Seed Oil
- ☐ Pure Sunflower Oil
- ☐ Vegetable Shortening
- ☐ Nyfat Onion
- ☐ Nyfat Neutral
- ☐ Nu Shmaltz

BEVERAGES

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS:
Aviva, Elite, Folgers, Haddar, Israel, Dr. Brown Itzkowitz, Lieber, Mae-Tov, Man, 7-Up, Saratoga, Sweet Touch-Nee, Victor Reinhart's, Canada Dry, Pepsi, Be'er Mayim

- ☐ Tea
- ☐ Instant Tea With Lemon
- ☐ Regular Coffee
- ☐ Freeze Dried Coffee
- ☐ Instant Coffee
- ☐ Hot Chocolate Mix
- ☐ Cocoa
- ☐ Mineral Water
- ☐ Vichy Water
- ☐ Seltzer Water
- ☐ 7-Up
- ☐ Cream Soda
- ☐ Cherry Soda
- ☐ Lemon Soda
- ☐ Orange Soda
- ☐ Cola Soda
- ☐ Club Soda
- ☐ Ginger Ale

CAKE MIXES

WE CARRY THESE KOSER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS:
Goodman, Horowitz, Man & Streits, Rokeach

- ☐ Coffee Cake Mix
- ☐ Chocolate Fudge Cake Mix
- ☐ Honey Cake Mix
- ☐ Brownie Mix
- ☐ Chocolate Fudge Brownie Mix
- ☐ Marble Cake Mix
- ☐ Chocolate Chip Crumb Cake Mix
- ☐ Chocolate Chip Loaf Mix
- ☐ Chocolate Chip Cookie Mix
- ☐ Chocolate Mocha Cake Mix
- ☐ Spice Cake With Vanilla Icing
- ☐ Sponge Cake Mix
- ☐ Griddle Cake Mix
- ☐ Carrot Cake Mix
- ☐ Yellow Cake Mix
- ☐ Honey Cake Mix
- ☐ Microwave Cake Mix
- ☐ Pancake Mix

FRUIT, JUICES, JAMS AND HONEY

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS:
Billy Bee, Carmel, Festive, Haddar, Israel, Itzkowitz, Jaffa-Gate, Kedem, Lieber, Polaner, Season Brand, Spear, Streits, Sunpac, Taim, Ungar & Rok, Empire, Mott's, Bennets, Frui, Mehadrin, Saba, Tampree, Lipschutz, Manischewitz.

- ☐ Fruit Compotes
- ☐ Peaches Halves/Sliced
- ☐ Pears Halves/Sliced
- ☐ Plums
- ☐ Fruit Cocktail
- ☐ Pineapple Sliced/Chunk
- ☐ Apple Sauce
- ☐ Apricot Halves
- ☐ Cranberry
- ☐ Cherries
- ☐ Apple Juice
- ☐ Tomato Juice
- ☐ Grape Juice/Muscat
- ☐ Lemon Juice
- ☐ Cranberry Juice
- ☐ Blueberry Jam
- ☐ Blackberry Jam
- ☐ Cherry Jam
- ☐ Wild Cherry Jam
- ☐ Grape Jam
- ☐ Orange Jam ☐ Gooseberries
- ☐ Raspberry Jam ☐ Orange Juice
- ☐ Strawberry Jam ☐ Pineapple Juice
- ☐ Pineapple Jam ☐ Grapefruit Juice
- ☐ Apricot Jam ☐ Orange/Pineapple Juice
- ☐ Currant Jelly
- ☐ Plum Jelly ☐ Stewed Prunes
- ☐ Orange Marmalade
- ☐ Lemon Marmalade
- ☐ Grapefruit Marmalade
- ☐ Honey
- ☐ Orange Blossom Honey
- ☐ Cranberry Jelly

DESSERTS & SYRUPS

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS:
Festive, Fox, Haddar, Kedem, Lieber, Osem, Rok, Season Brand, Streits, Victor & Vita

- ☐ Chocolate Pudding
- ☐ Gelatins (Assorted flavours)
- ☐ Chocolate Pudding
- ☐ Vanilla Pudding
- ☐ Lemon Pudding
- ☐ Cherry Jello
- ☐ Strawberry Jello
- ☐ Raspberry Jello
- ☐ Pancake Syrup
- ☐ Raspberry Syrup
- ☐ Lemon Syrup
- ☐ Chocolate Syrup

CAKES & COOKIES

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS:
Goodman, Horowitz, Itzkowitz, Man, Messing, Montreal Kosher, Streits & Empire

- ☐ Wine Cake
- ☐ Dobosh Cake
- ☐ Nut Cake
- ☐ Honey Cake
- ☐ Marble Cake
- ☐ Sponge Cake
- ☐ Brownies
- ☐ Nut Square
- ☐ Jelly Roll
- ☐ Macaroons (All Varieties)
- ☐ Passover Cookies (Assorted Varieties)
- ☐ Mandel Loaf (Assorted Varieties)
- ☐ Mandel Cuts
- ☐ Fruit Cuts
- ☐ Muffins Plain/Blueberry
- ☐ Jumbo Kichel
- ☐ Egg Kichel
- ☐ Chocolate Cookies
- ☐ Macaroon Cookies
- ☐ Jelly Tarts

CANDIES, NUTS & SNACKS

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS:
Almtree, Barton, Barney, Boston, Elite, Emes, Finesse, Krams, Rose of Galilee, Foremost, Goodman, Haddar, Horowitz Joyva, Kopper, Man, Manhattan, Mariani, Maxime, Oppenheimer, Paskez, Scherling, Season, Segal, Streits, Sweet Shoppe Stone Harbour, Sun Sweet, Charles & Zohar, Sunsweet

- ☐ Lolly Pop
- ☐ Assorted Gums
- ☐ Potato Chips Plain/Salted/Ruffled/unsalted
- ☐ Marshmallows (Assorted Varieties)
- ☐ Bartonettes Parve/Passover Assortment
- ☐ Viennese Krunch
- ☐ T.V. Munch Parve/Milk
- ☐ Nut Cluster Almonds
- ☐ Chocolate Almond Kisses
- ☐ Chocolate Bars (Assorted Varieties)
- ☐ Chocolate Bars Parve (All varieties)
- ☐ Nut Cluster Almond
- ☐ Assorted Nuts Plain/Chocolate Covered
- ☐ Sesame Crunch
- ☐ Orange Peel
- ☐ Assorted Dried Fruit & Nuts/Unsalted/Chocolate Covered
- ☐ Calimyrna Figs
- ☐ Dried Figs
- ☐ Dried Peaches
- ☐ Mixed Fruit
- ☐ Marshmallows Plain/Toasted
- ☐ Dried Apples
- ☐ Dried Apricots
- ☐ Dried Pears
- ☐ Prunes (Assorted Varieties)
- ☐ Raisins

SOUPS, SOUP & OTHER MIXES

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS:
Carmel, Croyden, Grandma's, Goodman, Haddar, Man, Mothers, Rok & Borscht, Shalom, Streits, Telma, Vita, Osem & Empire

- ☐ Schav
- ☐ Borscht Regular/Unsalted
- ☐ Clear Chicken Soup
- ☐ Matzoh Ball Soup
- ☐ Matzoh Ball in Broth/Chicken Flavour
- ☐ Spinach Soup
- ☐ Mushroom Soup
- ☐ Cabbage Soup
- ☐ Onion Soup
- ☐ Egg Drop Soup
- ☐ Pot Pancake Mix
- ☐ Potato Kugel Mix
- ☐ Matzo Ball Mix
- ☐ Stuffing Mix
- ☐ Matzo Ball & Soup Mix
- ☐ Country Style Soup Mix
- ☐ Potato Soup Mix
- ☐ Spring Veg. Soup Mix
- ☐ Asparagus Soup Mix
- ☐ Vegetable Soup Mix
- ☐ Mushroom Soup Mix
- ☐ Onion Soup Mix
- ☐ Chicken Cubes
- ☐ Mushroom Cubes
- ☐ Beef Cubes
- ☐ Vegetable Cubes
- ☐ Instant Mashed Potatoes
- ☐ Instant Chicken Flavoured Mashed Potato

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS:
Fern, Festive, Gilan, Haddar, Israel, Itzkowitz, Rok, Zohar, Ner Zion, Galilee

- ☐ Liquid Detergent
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Soap Pads
- ☐ Cleanser
- ☐ Dishwasher Detergent
- ☐ Silver Polish
- ☐ Stainless Steel Scour Pads
- ☐ Steel Wool Soap Pads
- ☐ Kosher Soap Bars
- ☐ Steel Pot N' Pan
- ☐ Bronze Pot N' pan
- ☐ Face and Hand Soap
- ☐ Hand Cream
- ☐ Lipstick Pearl
- ☐ Mouthwash
- ☐ Sabbath Candles
- ☐ Memorial Candles
- ☐ Havdala Candles
- ☐ Disposable Candle Holders

GEFILTE FISH

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS:
Grandma's, Horowitz, Kedem, Man, Mother's, Rokeach, Sabra & Season & Empire

- ☐ Fish Slices
- ☐ No Salt Fish
- ☐ White Pike
- ☐ Old Vienna Fish
- ☐ Pike Jelly/Liquid/Sweet
- ☐ Fishlets
- ☐ No Sugar Fish
- ☐ Old Jerusalem
- ☐ Regular-Jelled/Liquid

VEGETABLES CANNED & GLASS

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS:
Beit Hashita, Festive, Haddar, Itzkowitz, Man, Tabor, Taim & Benei-Darom

- ☐ Olives
- ☐ Cucumbers in Brine/Plain
- ☐ Hot Peppers ☐ Water Chestnuts
- ☐ Beets
- ☐ Potato/Whole ☐ Bamboo Shots
- ☐ Tomatoes
- ☐ Mushrooms
- ☐ Tomato Paste
- ☐ Gherkins
- ☐ Dill Pickles
- ☐ Tomato Puree
- ☐ Eggplant
- ☐ Asparagus
- ☐ Sliced Carrots
- ☐ Saurkraut
- ☐ Red Kidney Beans

MATZOHS AND MATZOH PRODUCTS

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS:
Goodman, Man, Rakusen, Streits, Vita, Yehuda & Jerusalem, Danenberg, Halpern

- ☐ Matzoh
- ☐ Egg Matzoh
- ☐ Shmurah Matzoh
- ☐ Tea Matzoh
- ☐ Onion Matzoh
- ☐ Dietetic Matzoh
- ☐ Matzoh Meal
- ☐ Matzoh Farfel
- ☐ Cake Meal
- ☐ Matzoh Crackers
- ☐ Mini Egg Matzoh Crackers
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Chocolate Covered Matzoh,
- ☐ Soup Nuts
- ☐ Matzoh Crackers
- ☐ Cake Meal

FISH—CANNED, GLASS & FROZEN

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRAND:
Dagim, Haddar, Itzkowitz, Season, Golden, Feature, Star, Unger's Martel ∴ King of the Sea

- ☐ Solid White Tuna in Oil or Water
- ☐ Chunk White Tuna in Oil or Water
- ☐ Imported Sardines
- ☐ Sole Fillets
- ☐ Flounder Fillets
- ☐ Cod Fillets
- ☐ Mackerel
- ☐ Trout
- ☐ Pink Salmon
- ☐ Kipper Snacks
- ☐ Spratt
- ☐ Sardines
- ☐ Lunch Cut Herring
- ☐ Shmaltz Herring
- ☐ Herring Fillets in Wine

LET'S GET FIZZ-ICAL!

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